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Boden is player of the year

Ken Boden, the 28-year-old English striker of Newcastle KB United, is the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" Player of the Year.

He wins a return trip for two to Europe, flying Yugoslav Airlines.

Boden also finished the season as the league's joint top scorer. He and Clive Eaton of Western Suburbs scored 14 goals each.

Boden was given a rating of nine out of 10 for his performance in Newcastle's 1-0 victory over Marconi at the International Sports Centre last Saturday.

That brought his average to 7.8 over the 24 matches in which he has played.

Runner-up was Brisbane City centre back Steve Perry who finished with an average of 7.76.

Third with 7.7 was West

Adelaide Hellas midfielder Neil McGachey.

Both Perry and McGachey were given eight-point ratings for their performances in the last round.

Ken Boden, who works as a car salesman for Bill Knibb Motor Market in Newcastle, came to Australia early this year.

Born in Rotherham, he played for Sheffield United, Matlock Town, Scunthorpe, Bridlington, Brigg Town, Hull City and Doncaster Rovers in England.

From 1965 to 1977 he scored an average of 15 goals a season.

He was voted Player of the Year at Matlock Town and Bridlington, with whom he won the Yorkshire League Cup.

Although Bobby Charlton was the major attraction at the Newcastle v Marconi game last Saturday, it was Boden who proved the most dangerous man on the field.

Writing about the match, "Soccer Action's" Joe Lanzoni says: "Boden, who must be the PSL 'find' of the season, gave a masterly display by time and again beating his man, drawing another and slipping a timely pass to an unmarked colleague. His best effort came in the 78th minute when he rebounded off the upright". Boden is also in the running for the Australian Soccer Press Association Player of the Year award.

Significantly, this award was won last year by Marconi's Jimmy Rooney who, like Boden, had earlier won the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" award.

Final standings of the leaders in the Yugoslav Airlines — "Soccer Action" award:

1. KEN BODEN (Newcastle) — 7.8 average over 24 games. Breakdown: two 6s, seven 7s, eleven 8s, six 9s.
2. STEVE PERRY (Brisbane City) — 7.76 average over 25 games. Breakdown: three 6s, eight 7s, seven 8s, six 9s, one 10.
3. NEIL MCGACHEY (West Adelaide Hellas) — 7.7 average over 26 games. Breakdown: two 6s, nine 7s, ten 8s, five 9s.
4. ZDRAVKO LUJIC (Footscray J.U.S.T.) — 7.65 average over 23 games. Breakdown: five 6s, four 7s, eight 8s, six 9s.
5. ROBERTO VIERI (Marconi) — 7.62 average over 24 games. Breakdown: three 6s, nine 7s, seven 8s, four 9s, one 10.
6. CON KAMPAS (West Adelaide Hellas) — 7.6 average over 20 games. Breakdown: three 6s, eight 7s, three 8s, six 9s.

Scorers' battle will continue

The Konstantine Jewel Box award for the top scorer in the Phillips League has been extended into the Phillips Cup, to break the tie between Ken Boden (Newcastle) and Clive Eaton (Western Suburbs).

Boden and Eaton finished the league series with 14 goals each.

However, counting Cup games, Eaton has 16 goals and Boden 15.

Eaton scored in the first round against Sutherland

and in the second round against St. George.

Boden scored in the second round against Sydney Croatia.

The battle of the strikers may be decided when Newcastle and Wests meet in their Cup quarter final in Newcastle on Sunday.

If they are level after that game, penalty goals will be subtracted and the award will go to the player who has scored most regular goals.

And now — an honor for Adam?



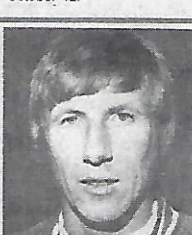
● Jubilant Greek supporters carry West Adelaide defender Con Kampas from the field on their shoulders. Picture by SAM BELFONTE.

Former Australian international Jim Adam is hot favorite for the Coach of the Year award after capping a colorful career by leading West Adelaide Hel-

las to the Phillips League championship.



Pierino Prati



Colin Bell

Superstars coming

Colin Bell, Pierino Prati and George Armstrong are reported to be joining Brisbane City.

Bell, one of the finest players Manchester City has had, made 48 international appearances for England. Prati is one of the all-time greats of AC Milan and Armstrong played about 600 games for Arsenal — more than any other player in the club's history.

Jim Adam took over from John Margaritis as coach of West Adelaide in the 11th round.

West Adelaide won seven games in a row under Adam before having its run interrupted by a loss to Brisbane Lions in Brisbane.

In the remaining eight games, West lost only once —

to league runner-up Hakoah.

Last Sunday, Adam's men clinched the title by drawing 1-1 with Adelaide City Juventus in front of more than 16,000 people at the Olympic Sports Field.

Vic Bozanic scored the equalizing goal only five minutes from the end, after John Perin had put Juventus into the lead.

Adam coached Fitzroy Alexander until the seventh round of the 1977 season, when he quit.

He has also coached Melbourne, George Cross, Croatia, Makedonia and Hakoah in the Stage League.

He had 10 years as a professional player with Aston Villa, Stoke City, Luton Town and Falkirk before coming to Australia to play for South Melbourne Hellas.

He represented Australia in 1964 and was assistant national coach in 1967. He also played four games for Victoria and was State coach in 1967.

Key men in West Adelaide's surge to the title were midfielders Neil McGachey and Peter Boyle, centre backs David Jones and Con Kampas and goalkeeper Martyn Crook.

Goalscorers: 7. Ian McGregor; 5. Graham Honeyman; 4. McGachey, Boyle, Graeme Morris, Jones, Vic Bozanic; 2. Kampas; 1. Eric Carruthers, Peter Tymczyszyn and Barry Revnolds.

Maltese giants clash

Calling all the Maltese people of Melbourne — especially the 18,000 who live in St. Albans ...

An attraction that occurs only twice a year will be presented for them at Green Gully Reserve in St. Albans on Sunday.

It is the clash between Ajax and George Cross — the two Maltese clubs of the Victorian State League.

Officials and players of both clubs have called on all the Maltese people of St. Albans and surrounding districts to attend the big match and show that the Maltese clubs are among the strongest in Victoria.

Last time the clubs met, Ajax won 5-0. "Soccer Action" asked former Victorian State player Tony Vella, who has coached

both Ajax and George Cross, how he thinks the game will go this time.

"As far as George Cross is concerned, this will be their most important match of the year, because their pride was hurt badly last time," he said.

"Coach John Sanchez will really have his players revved up. They want revenge."

"However, Ajax showed their class in that big victory and are talented enough to win again — although not by as big a margin. It will be a hell of a game."

● A special two-page preview appears on pages eight and nine of this issue.



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Silva in action — tongue between teeth for concentration.

HILTON SILVA MAKES BID FOR

Hilton Silva may be Brazil's loss but he is certainly Australia's gain — if Rudi Gutendorf so decides.

Soon, Gutendorf will start stocktaking the talent available to him for an assault on the 1982 World Cup and many of our professional and armchair experts are convinced that, in selecting his left winger, the new national coach has no choice at all.

The favorite of fans for the position is an olive-skinned, fleet-footed, long-haired Carioca — Adailton da Silva of Eastern Suburbs Hakoah.

Or, to give him his Australian soccer "identity", Hilton Silva.

His is a story of ups and downs, good fortune and hard luck.

However, it is indisputable that the doyen of the Hakoah squad is playing at his peak at the age of 27 — or 28, depending on which document you believe.

And, thereby, hangs a tale which began on the beaches

of Rio, the most famous hotbed of natural soccer talent in the world.

It was in the shadow of Sugarloaf Mountain that Hilton picked up some of the basic skills which saw him become a full-time soccer player at the tender age of 14, when he joined the junior squad of Flamengo.

After two and a half years, Silva moved on to another famous Brazilian club, America, where he remained for eight months.

However, during that brief stay, he achieved what millions of Brazilian youngsters only dream about — he made his first grade debut.

After eight matches in the First Division, Silva moved again — this time to yet another world-famous club, Vasco da Gama.

There he remained, a regular and valued member of the senior squad with a total of 16 First Division appearances to his credit, until departing for the new

horizons of Sydney, Australia.

Why did he leave the heady atmosphere of one of the world's best-known competitions for the relative obscurity of the NSW State League?

"At that time, it was a big thing for a young bloke to be able to see the world and play football overseas," he said this week.

"I was restless, looking for excitement and a chance to earn hard dollars."

So, at the tender age of 19, he listened to Hakoah's recruiting agents in Rio, and accepted an offer for a three-month trial with the Blues, ready to stay for a year if a contract was signed.

The only thing in the way of young Silva embarking on what he planned to be a 12-month adventure, was a rule of the Brazilian Confederation of Sport, which would have prevented him from signing for a foreign club until the age of 21.

"Simple! We just claimed I was two years older than I really was, when I applied for my papers," Hilton remembered. Thus, he is listed as a 29-year-old in his passport, when in actuality he is only 27.

Maybe the truth will prevail when he receives his Australian passport, because

after almost eight years in this country, Silva is applying for naturalisation this week!

But it happened to change his life in the intervening years.

After a brilliant debut with Hakoah, he continued to enchant Sydney soccer fans for several months — until the dark day in June 1971, when South Coast United full-back Tuckerman broke Silva's leg with a tackle at Woonona.

"Until then, I had really enjoyed my time in Australia but I was shocked by the fact that no-one outside Hakoah seemed to be concerned with my misfortune."

"Referee Tony Boskovic didn't want to believe that I was in real trouble and as I lay on the pitch, he kept on insisting that I get up."

"As for Tuckerman, his only comment was that I am a young fellow, with plenty of time to recover later."

"Little did he realise that it would take me more than six years to get back to my best."

A fast bit of arithmetic will tell us that Silva's "best" is now — in 1978!

"This year, I am playing as well as ever — and still improving," he claimed.

Who was the greatest influence in inspiring his brilliant comeback?

Silva does not hesitate for a moment.

"It was Gerry Chaldi; he made me come out of my shell, helped me a lot in training — and most important — by the way he talked to me."

"Gerry was the one who, after taking over as Hakoah's coach in July 1976, convinced me that my skills were still there, that it was up to me whether I reached my peak again."

"He also gave me confidence in his opinions by not hesitating to tell me very bluntly when I did something wrong. He analyses my game with me."

It was a rocky road to Silva's present candidacy for national honors.

"After my injury, I went home to Rio for eight months and got married to Leda, my sweetheart since I was 13," he recalls.

In Brazil, I would have been there as a soccer player. There, you break your leg and people write you off."

"Australia is a different environment; here you snap a bone or two and three months later, they expect you back at training."

"I changed my ways here, my outlook on soccer."

Silva has some surprising things to say when comparing soccer on and off the field.

He maintains that training in Australia places much greater physical demands on



● Hilton Silva (extreme right) as one of the budding young stars of Vasco da Gama.



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Marconi forward Peter Sharne (left) takes on Jim Kondarios of J.U.S.T. Sharne poses a big threat to South Melbourne.

Vieri, Barnes, the stars

Best performers in previous clashes (average ratings over games played):

STH. MELB. HELLAS v MARCONI
HELLAS: 7. Rellin (3 games), Lutton (2 games), 6.75 Hagegmanouli (4 games), 6.5 Kalafatis (4 games)
MARCONI: 9. Vieri (2 games), 8. Sharne (4 games)

WEST ADEL. HELLAS v HAKOAH
HELLAS: 7.75 Prskalo (4 games), 7.5 Rooney (4 games), 7.25 Maher (4 games), 7. Russell (4 games)
WEST ADEL. HELLAS: 7.5 McGachey (4 games), 7.3 Crook (3 games), 7. Reynolds (3 games), 6.75 McGregor (4 games), 6.5 Jones (4 games)
HAKOAH: 8.5 Barnes (4 games), 7.3 Thomson (3 games), 7.25 Watson (4 games), 7. O'Connor (3 games), Stevenson (4 games), T. Smith (3 games)

The previous clashes

Hakoah v West Ad.

1976

HAKOAH 1 (Lutton) WEST ADEL. HELLAS 1 (Farley o.g.) at Wentworth Park. Crowd 2000

Ratings by Tom Anderson:
HAKOAH: Farley 5, Kershaw 8, Robertson 7, O'Connor 7, Thomson 7, Stevenson 6, Barnes 8, Lutton 7, Watson 7, T. Smith 6, McGuinness 6 (Mullen half time), 6. Coach: Gerry Chaldi

W. ADEL. Service 7: Reynolds 8, Vagianos 7, Jones 7, Amos 6, McGachey 7, Pillans (McCulloch 20th min), 7, DeLyster 6 (Pantelis 8th), Kosmina 6, Honeyman 6, McGregor 6. Coach: Mike Johnson

WEST ADEL. HELLAS 1 (Kryikos) HAKOAH 3 (T. Smith, O'Connor, Barnes) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 4600

Ratings by Meno Toutsidis:
W. ADEL. Crook 8, Koullanos 7 (Kryikos), Vagianos 7, Jones 7, Amos 6, McGachey 7, Pillans 6, Boyle 5, Zelvas 5, Kosmina 7, McGregor 6. Coach: Billy Birch

HAKOAH: Haynes 6, Mullen 7, Thomson 7, Robertson 7, Mowbray 7, Stevenson 7 (O'Connor), Barnes 8, Lutton 6 (McGuinness), Watson 6, T. Smith 7, Silva 7. Coach: Gerry Chaldi

1977

WEST ADEL. HELLAS 3 (Bozanic, McGregor) HAKOAH 2 (Barnes 2) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 5341

Ratings by Frank Pangallo:
WEST ADEL. Crook 7, Reynolds 7, Vagianos 4 (Norris 3, 41st min.)

St. Melb. v Marconi

1976

MARCONI 3 (Sharne 2, Mariani) STH. MELB. HELLAS 0 at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 1800

Ratings by Tom Anderson:
MARCONI: Maher 7, Robertson 7, Prskalo 7, Russell 7, Degney 7, Richards 9, Rooney 9, Byrne 8, Campbell 8, (Carrizo 68th), Hagegman 8, Sharne 9. Coach: Rale Rasic

STH. MELB. HELLAS: Rellin 8, Pye 6, Bozanic 6, Norris 6, Kalafatis 5, Hagegmanouli 5, Dossin 5, Gibson 5, Gardiner 5, Daperis 5, Ollerton 6, French 6

1977

STH. MELB. HELLAS 0 MARCONI 3 (Sharne, Vieri pen, Jankovic) at Middle Park. Crowd: 1722

Ratings by Laurie Schwab:
STH. MELB. HELLAS: Hansen 7; Pye 5, Kalafatis 6, Baxter 6, Hagegmanouli 8, Lutton 7, Wright 8, Rogers 6, Cummings 7, Ollerton 7, Kent 8. Coach: Dave Maclaren

MARCONI: Maher 8, Prskalo 8; Jones 8, Russell 8, Richards 8, Degney 6, Rooney 8, Vieri 10; Jankovic 7, Mariani 7, Sharne 9. Coach: Rale Rasic

MARCONI 1 (Vieri pen) STH. MELB. HELLAS 1 (Evans) at Marconi Oval. Crowd 5613

Ratings by Alex Selig:
MARCONI: Maher 8, Selig 8; Russell 7, Prskalo 8, Degney 7; Jankovic 6, Vieri 8, Rooney 8; Mariani 6, Ollerton 6, Sharne 7. Coach: Rale Rasic

STH. MELB. HELLAS: Rellin 9; Kalafatis 7, Munro 8, Baxter 8, Hagegmanouli 7, Christopoulos 6, Wright 6 (Pye 75th), Rogers 6 (Lutton 7), Cummings 6, Evans 8, Campbell 6. Coach: Dave Maclaren

Past results make Hakoah and Marconi the favorites in the first semi-finals of the Phillips League top four series to be played in Adelaide and Melbourne on Sunday.

Hakoah meets West Adelaide Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium and Marconi takes on South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park.

Since the start of the Phillips League, Hakoah has beaten West Adelaide twice, drawn once and lost one for a goal tally of 8:6.

Marconi has beaten South Melbourne three times and drawn the other game, scoring nine goals to two.

The outstanding player for Hakoah in games against West Adelaide has been goalscorer midfielder Murray Barnes, who has played in all four matches.

Neil McGachey, the West Adelaide midfielder, has always posed the biggest threat to Hakoah.

South Melbourne's main

tormentors have been Marconi midfielder Robert Vieri, who played only in the two games this season, and forward Peter Sharne, who has played in all four games.

The most interesting aspect of the Marconi v South Melbourne game will be the performance of Marconi striker Peter Ollerton, bought from South Melbourne for \$15,000 10 weeks ago, providing coach Rale Rasic selects him.

Ollerton scored seven goals for South Melbourne before the transfer, but managed only two for Marconi up to last weekend's round.

Ollerton left South Melbourne because of clashes with coach Dave Maclaren. The big striker will be confronted on Sunday by Hellas' experienced centre back Frank Munro and probably Chris Kalafatis, who is likely to take the place of injured Stuart Baxter in defence.

The other decisive duel will be between Sharne and Mike Pye. Sharne has always had measure of Pye, especially in the match Marconi won 3-0 at Middle Park early this season.

But the most important battle will be in midfield, where the Marconi combination of Roberto Vieri, Jimmy Rooney and Mark Jankovic or Domingo Ielamo appears stronger than any trio Hellas may field.

That trio is likely to be Bertie Lutton, Sammy Wright and Billy Rogers.

Although Ivo Prskalo has

Stars on sign again

John Stevenson and Joe Watson have signed new three-year contracts with Hakoah-East.

The club has also offered a lucrative three-year contract to centre back Eddie Thomson, but he has business interests in Scotland and has not made up his mind whether or not to stay.

THE GREEN AND GOLD

Naturalisation puts him in line for Gutendorf's squad

players than in the "old country."

"We do much more running here and, luckily, running is something I have always enjoyed."

"By contrast, Brazilian soccer players train for longer hours but, at least in my days back in Rio, most of it was low intensity ball work, with hardly any hard running."

"From what we saw of the World Cup on television, I suppose, all that is changing now."

So, Hilton Silva returned to Hakoah, ready to resume where he left off before his injury, but he had not foreseen the hard road ahead of him.

David MacLaren, who took over coaching from Charlie Fleming ("a great guy, good coach who always encouraged me, but I never understood a word he was saying in his thick Scottish accent"), did not perceive the same potential in Hilton as did Hakoah's officials.

"I don't think David liked the Brazilian style of play, he preferred the Scottish way," Silva says.

"For several seasons, I was

playing most of my football in the reserves and I know he tried to sell both Agenor Muniz and me."

In fairness, Silva pointed out that MacLaren never saw him at his best, before breaking his leg.

"Everybody kept telling David how terrific I was but he only saw a player trying to come back from a bad injury."

However, Silva carries another thorn from the MacLaren era at Hakoah.

"To play well, a footballer must trust his coach, feel some mutual care, and be able to enjoy the companionship."

"Under David, there were problems, with a split between the Scots in the team on one side and the rest on the other."

"This does not exist any more. Now, we are one good, happy crowd and Gerry Chaldi must take the credit for this."

Silva claimed that the Israeli's image as a gentle, quiet man is misleading.

"Gerry just looks gentle, but in reality he is very, very

hard and a firm disciplinarian."

"However, he doesn't call you names, shows respect to all his players and is, in turn, trusted by them."

"For Gerry, all of us do whatever is asked of us."

Silva, in his own mind, is convinced that in Brazil, he would have become an established first division player, but acknowledges that superstar status was not within his reach.

"This influenced me in making my home in Sydney. Here, I am not just one of the thousands of players running around the country."

"There is also a hard material logic behind my decision to stay here."

"While soccer is king in Brazil, at my peak back there, I would not have been able to achieve a standard of living for my family comparable with what I have here."

"This will be the big problem in introducing full-time professionalism in Australia. You do too well with part-time soccer earnings, and the salary from your outside job, are combined."

As for the club which made

this material prosperity and contentment possible, Silva is adamant that "Hakoah is the best club in Australia to play for."

"This applies to the club in every respect, not just the money they pay the players," he says.

"Hakoah has always been like a big family, and whenever we have any problems — and I have had a few over the years — there was always someone in the club — whether the late Tibor Kalman, Andrew Lederer, officials or fans — to help me."

With the current season drawing to a close, Hilton Silva, wife Leda and their daughter Cassandra are looking forward to a visit to their families in Brazil during the off-season.

But the thought uppermost in Hilton's mind is the determined challenge he is going to throw out for the number eleven shirt in the Soccerco squad next year.

"I feel I am still improving my game and I want to get into the national team," he says.

"To play for his country one day is the goal of every footballer, and I'm no different in this respect."

"It is the only thing I haven't achieved yet in my playing career."

So, as Hilton, Leda and Cassandra sun themselves on the smooth golden sand of Copacabana during the summer months, the likeable and

immensely skilful winger — one of the true gentlemen of Aussie soccer — may be forgiven for thinking of what might have been.

Instead of the gold shirt of Brazil, which he dreamt of with all the other little boys of Rio, he may end up wearing the gold shirt of Australia.

If you are tempted to believe that there is a certain tinge of regret in his daydreaming, next time you see Hilton Silva, ask him.

He'll soon set you straight!



Silva (left) and his coach Gerry Chaldi, who helped the Brazilian wizard come back after a broken leg.



● The first days in Australia . . . Hakoah's batch of Brazilian imports (from right) Silva, George Rianelli (later with Prague), Lucio Lopes (who is still playing in Whyalla, South Australia), Agenor Muniz (now with Adelaide City) and goalie Edson Cardoso, who was injured soon after arrival and dropped out of soccer.

HAKOAH TIPS — SO FAR

always managed to frustrate the Hellas forwards, he will find it difficult this time to control former Liverpool forward Alun Evans, supported by Duncan Cummings and perhaps Billy Bergmann.

Bergmann, who scored 32 goals for Swedish fourth division club Horby last season, has overcome an injury suffered at training and hopes to play in the big match.

Fans are hoping for their first look at Bergmann, and they are also hoping to see Marconi's Ielamo, who was bought a few weeks ago from Argentinian First Division club Huracan.

In Adelaide on Sunday, West Adelaide will try to show that its 1-2 loss to Hakoah in their second round match was not a true indication of form.

After all, West Adelaide played without sweeper Con Kampas and striker Dave Pillans in that match.

It's interesting to note that West Adelaide's Graham Honeyman and Graeme Norris are former Hakoah players.

Honeyman scored nine goals for Hakoah in the NSW State League in 1976 and scored three times for West

Adelaide last year after transferring.

Norris, who scored nine goals for Western Suburbs last year, transferred briefly to Hakoah early this season. Hakoah then bought Ernie Campbell from Marconi, thus eliminating the need for Norris who was therefore passed on to West Adelaide.

Norris is a hard-fighting, tough-as-nails warrior who has been suspended more than once. If the Hakoah defenders become too preoccupied with Norris, they may leave gaps for speedy Ian McGregor, giant Dave Pillans and the midfielders who storm through from deep positions.

Like West Adelaide, Hakoah is not limited in the number of players who can score goals. Joe Watson, Terry Smith and Hilton Silva form a potent front line, supported by big Murray Barnes and John Stevenson, who have scored eight goals between them this year and, of course, little Ian Souness, who also likes a crack at goal.

If both teams worry more about scoring goals than preventing them, this game should be classic.

How it works

The winner of the West Adelaide Hellas v Hakoah-Eastas match will qualify for the Philips League final.

The loser will play the winner of the South Melbourne Hellas v Marconi match for the other place in the final.

The loser of the South Melbourne Hellas v Marconi game will be eliminated.

The next round of the finals is on September 10. Venues will be chosen according to which teams take part.



Marconi's Jimmy Rooney (left) and South Melbourne's Mike Pye — they'll clash on Sunday.



West Adelaide's three strikers — Graeme Norris (left), Ian McGregor (on ground) and Dave Pillans, outnumber Stuart Baxter (right) of South Melbourne.

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ACT 'starlets' go into camp

Forty five of the best young players in the ACT registered for Canberra City's first professional coaching school last week.

The school, run along similar lines to those Rale Rasic and I organised nationally, is the first of many planned by City in the future. The current week-long camp is the forerunner to a summer school, one at Christmas and one at the beginning of the 1979 season. Assisting me with the school, which is backed by Canberra City is Vic Fernandez and local international product Johnny Davies. Guest appearances will be made by Canberra City players, including schoolboy internationals Danny Moulis and Mike Milovanovic, who have both recently returned from touring the United States with the Australian schoolboys team.

The mood in Canberra is much brighter and enthusiastic following the opening of the club's new premises in East Row. Civic last week by the club's patron, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser. The new club is three times bigger than previous rooms, ideal for much bigger social functions. The club's ten poker machines will be supplemented by another ten due to arrive early in October. Club officials estimate that the club will be self supportive within the next six months.

The season is far from over for City with an active program for the team and its supporters in September.

By that time City will be back to full strength — Moulis and Milovanovic back from the United States, Brown's arm out of plaster, Salgado out of hospital and Davies fully recovered from his back injury.

On September 10, City meets league ACT State League side Croatia Deakin, on September 17, Newcastle KB and City play for the Prime Ministers Cup at Bruce, and on the 24th, City meets Fitzroy in the quarter finals of the PSL Cup — also at Bruce Stadium.

City vice president, Charles Perkins, currently on a world tour for the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, spent several days with City's guest star and current Motherwell forward Peter Marinello.

Marinello is unhappy with Motherwell and has been placed on the transfer list at his own request.

Motherwell reportedly refused £80,000 from Celtic for Marinello and even though he would love to return to City next year, it appears as though at that price he is well beyond City's reach — or any other PSL club for that matter.

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

West Adelaide Hellas grabbed the 1978 Phillips Soccer League title when they drew 1-1 with Adelaide City Juventus in a tense, heart stopping clash at Hindmarsh Stadium.

An Adelaide record PSL attendance of 16,251 saw Vic Bozanic produce an explosive 65th minute left foot flick which wiped out John Perin's brilliant 53rd minute free kick.

Hellas coach Jim Adam was ecstatic after the game after he had seen his team fight back from the brink of defeat.

But he had a few harsh words to say about "Australian" soccer journalist Stephen Blatchford, who described West Adelaide the day before the match as "such a dull team".

"It was a senseless statement to make and it was just the motivation the boys needed," Adam said.

"We proved today that the best soccer is played in Adelaide and the best team we have played all year is Adelaide City."

"It is a mystery why they haven't done better."

Indeed Adelaide City played splendidly and they were brimming

JUVE!

Juventus (Vic.) stormed home to beat Brighton 4-1 in the final of the Toto Pizza Cup last weekend.

Five under 14 teams — Juventus, Brighton, Keysborough, Seaford and Springvale — competed for the cup, playing a round robin with the top two teams qualifying for the final.

The games were 20 minutes each way, and the two finalists ended up playing five games (200 minutes of soccer). Not a bad effort for a day's work!

Juventus beat Brighton 1-0 in the round robin, but aided by the draw (which gave Juventus a break before the final, while Brighton had to take the field almost immediately after finishing the team's last round robin game) the Juve boys were too strong, running out 4-1 winners.

Top goalscorers were Cosmo Oliva (Brighton) with seven, and Nigel Yates (Brighton) on five.

with confidence from the start while West Adelaide looked nervous and unsettled.

But West Adelaide, tackling hard and running powerfully, looked the more threatening team early in the first half.

Their confidence soared when inspirational striker Ian McGregor hammered a fierce 25 metre shot over the bar in the 19th minute.

And five minutes later Graham Norris rose superbly to head powerfully inches over the bar.

In between, Brian Northcote hit a scorcher straight at Martin Crook and John Nyskohus shot fiercely, but wide.

Both defences were on top and Frank Lister, in one of his best games for the year, was outstanding for Adelaide City.

He was the pivotal point in defence and big Dave Pillans was finding it hard to win high balls.

And at the other end Con Kampas and Dave Jones had a tough battle with Dixie Deans.

Juventus looked dangerous in the last 15 minutes of the half and they continued after the break.

After eight minutes of the second half, Perin scored one of the most outstanding goals of the year.

John Beair touched a free kick 25 metres from goal, and Perin struck it with awesome ferocity.

Crook dived valiantly but it would have beaten any goalkeeper.

Juventus reduced Hellas to a ragged, disillusioned team for a while, but West Adelaide bounced back in the fashion that has marked their intensive drive to the top of the league.

Bozanic almost grabbed an equaliser with 10 minutes to go when he beat Juventus keeper, Peter Marshall, to a cross, but his header fell only inches wide of the far post.

It was the first time Marshall had been beaten, and he looked every inch a class keeper.

John Nyskohus could have seen the game up two minutes later, but his powerful ground shot flew



Adol. Juve 1, WA Hellas 1

around the far post with Crook beaten.

Bozanic came close again with a long shot, but it went over the bar.

However two minutes later his moment came.

Peter Boyle pushed a ball in his path, Bozanic beat off two defenders and as Marshall came off his line he flicked it into an open goal for a superb equaliser.

Bozanic was mobbed by his team mates and he could not hide his jubilation realising that it was the most important goal he has

scored in his brief but illuminating career.

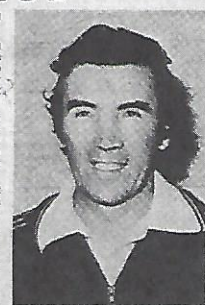
Not satisfied with only getting the equaliser, Bozanic unleashed a 30 metre thunderbolt a minute later which brought out the very best from Marshall, who diverted it, for a corner.

When referee Peter Rampling blew his whistle two minutes in injury time, the stadium reverberated with noises which have never been heard before at a South Australian soccer match.

West captain Neil McGachey got the only card of the match for a harmless looking tackle on Deans.

McGachey is perilously close to 12 points which would mean suspension and could miss next week's top four match against Eastern Suburbs.

Meanwhile McGregor had to come off at half time and was nursing a swollen shoulder after the match.



Jim Adam

Canberra back to 1977 position

By PETER WINDSOR

The 1978 League season is over. South Melbourne-Hellas finished it on the high note of victory — Canberra City in the doldrums of defeat.

Before a home crowd of 4200, Canberra put on an abysmal last match display, and South Melbourne deservedly won 3-0.

The difference between the two sides was the performance of the respective goalkeepers.

South Melbourne's Swedish Import goalkeeper John Hansen played a blinder. In contrast, Canberra's Ron Tilsed was abominable.

The other decisive difference was that Hellas' performance was a total team effort. Canberra's was not.

At least half of the home side had, at best, mediocre games.

Well below their best was Johnny Davies — finally replaced midway through the second half by teenage Bernie Lustice — Jimmy Carl, Terry Byrne and Ivan Grulec.

Add Tilsed to that list and it's not surprising that City were drubbed.

However, on the credit side was the usual gutsy performance by Florian Kenny Kawalewa, who makes up for what he lacks in ball skills with total effort, a brilliant performance by Brian Stoddart and solid games from Tony Henderson, Stephen Hogg and Roy Stark.

The other younger star of the side, Ian Heywood, had a mediocre game.

The visitors were given an early helping hand by Canberra.

After only sixty seconds, from South Melbourne's very first attack, Canberra's defence was penetrated.

Alan Evans' blistering drive was only partially blocked by Kawalewa and a goalmouth melee followed.

Finally, Bernie Lustice saw an opening and chanced a first time shot. It was going wide, but tragically City's skipper Roy Stark deflected the goal into his own net.

Again, as has happened in almost every home game, City had to get off the floor and come from behind.

No one doubts their fighting qualities. South Melbourne were under great pressure and Canberra repeatedly opened the defence only to have Hansen thwart their every goal scoring opportunity.



Canberra 0 SM-Hellas 3

The first came in the 15th minute when a Stoddart header had goal written all over it, but somehow Hansen got across to tip it around the post.

In the 26th minute when Heywood's shot looked destined for the corner of the net, Hansen tipped it around for a corner — and within 50 seconds had pulled off another incredible reflex action save to stop Terry Byrne's header from the corner kick.

South Melbourne, too, went close. Defender Chris Kalafatis struck a ball beautifully, but it took a deflection and rapped City's goalkeeper with Tilsed standing still and beaten.

But the real pressure was coming from Canberra, and one anticipated the equaliser would come eventually.

Just five minutes after the interval, Stoddart's shot from 20 metres looked like it might be the one, but again Hansen with a cat-like leap saved the day.

Eight minutes later Hellas wrapped up the game. A quick break and City's defence was caught badly out of position.

Only teenager Stephen Hogg was positioned to cover, and he made a valiant bid to do so. However, his tackle on Billy Bergman allowed the ball to bounce to Cummings.

Again Hogg tackled, but Cummings still got in a shot, which easily beat the advancing Tilsed.

With Canberra's forwards wasting opportunities, only a supreme optimist would have thought victory possible.

South Melbourne knew they had the game won.

Duncan Cummings gave his side their third and final goal in the 75th minute.

In defeat Canberra ended up as they had in the Phillips League in its inaugural year — second from the bottom.

Now they have but two chances left to make amends — against Fitzroy in the Phillips Cup quarter final game in Canberra on September 24, and against Newcastle in the Prime Minister's Cup.

As Johnny Warren reported in 'Soccer Action' last week this is a special end-of-season tournament organised by City's Board of Directors which it is hoped will become an annual affair. The Prime Minister Mr Malcolm Fraser is expected to present the trophy.



Yanks chase Roos

American clubs are interested in six members of the Australian schoolboys squad that returned from its tour at the weekend.

However, coach Bobby MacLachlan would not name them.

"It's up to the players and their clubs whether they want to make any negotiations," he said.

The schoolboys were undefeated in four matches. Results and goalscorers were: v British Columbia 1-1, scorer Raskopoulos; v Washington State 9-1, scorers Moulis 3, Raskopoulos 2, Krncic 2, Hunter 2; v California Select 4-0, scorers Krncic 3, Hunter; v U.S.A. Youth 2-1 (abandoned), scorer Christopoulos 2.

The game against U.S.A. Youth was abandoned when the two coaches agreed to take their boys from the field to avoid further trouble caused by bad refereeing decisions.

Just before the abandonment, a U.S.A. player had been sent off for knocking out Eddie Krncic.

The NASL club that showed most interest in the Australian players is Seattle Sounders.

Sounders manager Jim Gabriel (ex-Everton) sent his assistant to San Francisco to watch the Australians play there.

Saints miss plenty

By ALEX VESIC

St George outplayed Wests in all departments for most of the game to score a narrow win at Barton Park, before a small crowd of only 1025.

The score does not reflect the true superiority of the home team to create a few chances during the first half hour. Clive Eaton missed three golden opportunities. One goal would've given him the tag of top scorer in the Phillips League for this season.

In the seventh minute, Michael O'Shea, the St George full back, attempted a back pass to his goalkeeper, O'Shea lobbed the ball into the area, but it fell short of Coe, and Clive Eaton raced in to head the ball over the goalkeeper's head, but past the left upright.

Nine minutes later, St George raced into the lead with a well-taken goal by Doug Utjesenovic.

Phil O'Connor took the corner kick from the left hand side, sending the ball to the far post and away from Terry Eaton's reach.

Neville Morgan headed the ball towards the unmarked Utjesenovic, who had no trouble slamming the ball high into the roof of the net from close range.

In the 23rd minute Clive Eaton had his second chance to score. Andy Scott managed to beat a defender and send a good low cross to Eaton. But the bearded striker failed to control the ball, which ran to Vernon some seven metres from goal. He hesitated then sent a weak shot which didn't trouble Coe.

Only a minute later, Vernon had a great scoring opportunity when he found himself with the ball at his feet in space, but he shot straight at Ralph Coates, with the ball rebounding over the line for a corner.



St. George 1 West Sub. 0

The last chance that fell to Western Suburbs came to the luckless Clive Eaton. He managed to go past Emery Horink on the edge of St George's penalty area, but faced by Coe and an open goal, shot past the upright.

St George could have been two up, had Peter Hensman scored. O'Connor beat Skellern for the ball then crossed for Hensman to race in. But he missed the rising ball, which went inches from the goal.

In the last minutes of the first half, St George could have added two more goals to its tally.

After a corner by O'Connor, Utjesenovic and Neville Morgan could not make up their minds who should put the ball into the net, leaving it for Wests defence to push the ball away for another corner.

O'Connor found Morgan with

this corner kick, and the tall striker headed the ball into the top left hand corner of Eaton's goal. It looked a goal all the way, but out of nowhere O'Donnell raced in to head the ball away.

St George continued to attack in the second half tearing Wests to shreds, but failed to score despite numerous good scoring chances that fell to its forward line.

After a good job from the left, Nev Morgan should have scored. Faced with Terry Eaton, Morgan took too long to control the ball, then hit a left foot drive over the bar.

In the 53rd minute, Doug Utjesenovic sent a perfect through pass for Mark Barton on the left flank. St George's youngster crossed for Neville Morgan to head past the post, from only five metres out.

Only two minutes later, Terry Eaton showed his class by keeping the ball out of the net for two minutes. A cross by Morgan found O'Connor at the far post. A header by O'Connor from point blank range was brilliantly saved by Eaton who palmed the ball away from the line.

The ball bounced to John O'Shea who laid it for Hensman to hit a 16 metre drive, but Eaton was again there to fingertip the ball away for a corner.

Hensman had another opportunity in the 75th minute after a great run by O'Connor, but his shot from close range was saved by Terry Eaton.

The game finished on a sour note for Wests who had two players booked.

David Harding was booked for a foul on John O'Shea in the 80th minute, while Socceroo captain Peter Wilson earned the yellow card for dissent in the 83th minute.

If all the good scoring chances had been put away, the score could have been a staggering 7-3 in favour of St. George.

As it happened 1-0 proved enough to show that the better team had won.

For the winners, Ralph Coates proved the master again, while Utjesenovic, with his confidence back, was once again the inspiration for the youngsters at the back.

With Grosse and Harris missing from the back four Doug played himself into the turf to inspire confidence into the back line.

Nev Morgan, Hensman and O'Connor must think themselves very unlucky not to have scored a few more, but played well enough to create chances.

Terry Eaton and Peter Stone were the only bright spots in the Wests line up, while Clive Eaton has only himself to blame for not



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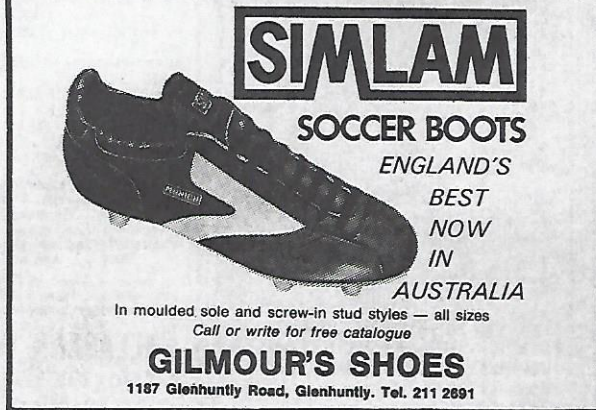
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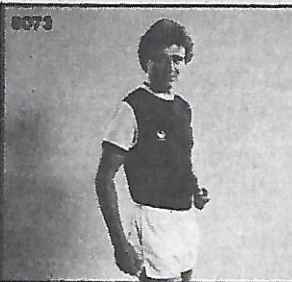
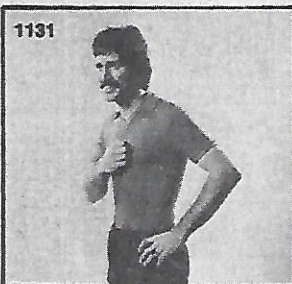
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Games

IN MELBOURNE

Semi final: South Melbourne Hellas v Marconi at Middle Park, 3 pm Sunday.

IN ADELAIDE

Semi final: West Adelaide Hellas v Hakoah-Easts at Hindmarsh Stadium, 3 pm Sunday.

IN NEWCASTLE

Philips Cup quarter final: Newcastle KB Utd v Western Suburbs, International Sports Centre, 3 pm Sunday.

Masson moves

LONDON, Scottish midfielder Don Masson has returned to Notts County, where he played from 1968 to 1975.

Notts manager Jimmy Sirrel signed Masson for 30,000 sterling (\$50,000 Aust dollars).

Masson, 31, has come full circle after leaving Notts County for Queens Park Rangers in 1974, and moving on to Derby County last year.

Previously he had played for Middlesbrough.

STANDINGS

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W. ADEL. HELLAS	9 1 3 24 14	7 3 3 18 13	42:27 36
HAKOAH-EASTS	7 2 3 27 10	8 3 3 26 17	49:27 35
S. HELL. HELLAS	7 3 3 26 12	5 5 3 19 18	45:30 32
MARCONI	8 3 2 30 14	4 3 6 16 17	46:31 30
Fitzroy Alexander	5 3 5 17 15	4 5 4 22 24	39:39 26
Brisbane Lions	4 6 3 16 15	4 4 5 21 24	37:39 26
St. George	7 1 5 20 17	4 2 7 21 23	41:40 25
Sydney Olympic	3 8 17 26	6 4 2 18 17	35:43 25
Western Suburbs	6 4 3 25 18	3 2 8 16 27	41:45 24
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Newcastle KB	3 6 4 19 20	3 4 6 14 20	33:40 22
Footscray JUST	2 3 8 17 21	5 5 3 12 16	29:37 22
Canberra City	2 8 3 19 20	3 2 8 9 21	28:41 20
Brisbane City	4 2 7 15 22	3 1 9 14 27	29:49 17

Philips League team of week

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team —

UTJESENOVIC (3)	MARSHALL (2)	LISTER (2)	RATCLIFFE (1)	MOWBRAY (3)
(St Geo)	(Ad Juve)	(Ad Juve)	(Bris City)	(ES Hak)
RISTIC (1)	MUNIZ (2)			BOZANIC (1)
(JUST)	(Ad Juve)			(WA Hellas)
WATSON (4)	BODEN (7)			LUJIC (9)
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

CANBERRA 0 STH MELB HELLAS 3 (Cummings 2, Lutton 1 at Bruce Stadium, Crowd 4200.
Ratings by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA: Tilsed 6; Hogg 8, Starke 7, Henderson 7, Kawalewa 8; Stoddart 9, Davies 6 (Lustica 70th), Cant 6; Grulic 7, Heywood 7, Byrne 6.
STH MELB: Hansen 8; Pye 7, Munro 7, Kalafatis 7, Hagegmanou 7; Lutton 7, Wright 7, Rogers 8; Cummings 8, Evans 8, Bergmann 7.

WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Bozanic) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Perin) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 18,251.

Players ratings by Meno Toutasidis.
HELLAS: Crook 8, Reynolds 7, Bozanic 8, McGachey 8, Kampas 8, Jones 8, Boyle 8, Pillans 8, Norris 7, Honeyman 7, McGregor 8 (Tymczyszyn 8).

JUVENTUS: Marshall 9, B. Nyakohus 8, Yung 7, Besir 8, Lister 8, Perin 8, Marocchi 7, (Matic 8), Deans 8, Muniz 9, J. Nyakohus 8, Northcote 8.

FITZROY ALEXANDER 0 FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Lujic 18th) at Olympic Park, crowd about 4000.
Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

ALEXANDER: Merner 7; McMillan 8, O'Reilly 7, Bannon 7, Tansey 8; Seledimic 6, Taylor 7, Campbell 7; Bozicas 5, Cole 7, Buljevic 5 (Micevski 70th).
J.U.S.T.: Boland 8; Hazabent 8, Kondarios 7, Kriaris 7, Kazi 8; Ristic 9, Rujovic 7, Picione 7, Iloski 7; Ristovski 6 (Nicolaidis 75th), Lujic 9.

HAKOAH 2 (Smith, Barnes), OLYMPIC 0 at Wentworth Park, Sydney.
Crowd: 3530.

Ratings by Peter Scott.

HAKOAH: Clarke 8, Mullen 7, Thomson 7, O'Connor 8, Mowbray 8, Stevenson 8, Souness 7, Barnes 8, Watson 8, Smith 7, Silva 7.

OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Palmer 6, Bell 8, Wilson 7, Luckett 6, Cross 7, Jamieson 7, G. Allan 6, Laing 7, McIntosh 7, Ainalie 7 (D. Allan 78th min.).

ST GEORGE 1 (Utejesovic) WESTERN SUBURBS 0 at Barton Park, Sydney. Crowd 1025.

Ratings by Alex Vesic:

ST GEORGE: Coe 7, Utejesovic 9, Terry 7, Holmuk 7, M. O'Shea 7, Coates 9, J. O'Shea 8, Barton 7, Morgan 7, O'Connor 7, Hansman 7.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Terry Eaton 8, Skellern 6, Wilson 6, Turnbull 7, Rowden 8, Stone 8, Harding 8, O'Donnell 7, Eaton 8, Vernon 8, Scott 7.

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 1 (Endacott) MARCONI 0 at International Sports Field, Newcastle. Crowd, 16,614.
Ratings by Joe Lanzoni.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 8, Willis 6, Summerscales 7, Drinkwater 7, Curran 7, Mason 7, Charlton 8, Endacott 8, Tredennick 7, Boden 9, Galpin 7.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Jones 7, Russell 7, Praskalo 7, Degney 8, Salvage 6, Rooney 8, Vieri 8, Berry 7, Ollerton 7, Mariani 7.

BRISBANE CITY: 2 (Caldwell, Kelso) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Hughes) at Perry Park, Brisbane. Crowd, 4500.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell.
LIONS: Lowndes 6, Potter 6, Hermiston 6, Wilson 8, Niven 7, Neale 6, Amos 8, Hughes 6, Laszlo 5 (Spearritt 45th, 6), Fairbrother 6, Ontong 6.

CITY — Wishart 7, Rathmell 6, Perry 8, Ratcliffe 8, Kibbey 7, Coyne 7, Gaffney 6, Echeverria 6, Conner 6, Kelso 8, Caldwell 6.

Leading averages after final round (full list next week):
7.8 Boden (Newc)
7.76 Perry (Br. C.)
7.7 McGachey (W.A.-Hellas).

7.65 Lujic (J.U.S.T.)
7.52 Vieri (Marc)
7.6 Kampas (WA-Hellas)
7.5 Boyle (WA-Hellas), Rooney (Marc), Henderson (Can).

7.4 Jones (WA-Hellas), Summerscales (Newc), Starke (Can).

7.3 J. Nyakohus, B. Nyakohus, Northcote (Adel Juve), Mullen (Hak), Praskalo, Degney, Sharne (Marc), Lutton (SM-Hellas), O'Connor (St G), Hermiston (Br. Lions).

7.2 Wilson (West Sub), Crook (WA-Hellas), Baxter (SM-Hellas), Meier (Oly), Kondarios (JUST), Tilsed (Can), Buljevic (Alex).

7.1 Stone (West Sub), Ainalie (Oly), Clarke, Barnes (Hak), Curran (Newc), Tansey (Alex), Rujovic (JUST), T. Byrne (Can), Lowndes (Br. Lions).

Let's have justice, says Hakoah

By PETER SCOTT

"We want a fair go!" is the cry around the Hakoah camp following surrender of the Philips League championship title to West Adelaide Hellas last weekend.

Last year's champions were told by what seems to be a policy of the league management, virtually expelling them from home surroundings for the remaining Top four play-offs and Philips Cup matches.

Although it seems too late to change the venue of Sunday's semi-final against champions West Adelaide away from the South Australian capital, it did not stop Hakoah coach Gerry Chaldi from being harshly critical of the task being set for his team.

He also issued a strong demand for the match to be played at Olympic Field, rather than West Adelaide's home surroundings at Hindmarsh Stadium.

"This is the least the PSL can do for us," Chaldi said, after expressing his disappointment that the fairness and credibility of the new competition wasn't preserved by drawing lots for home advantage in the two semi-final matches.

"Why should Hakoah and Marconi automatically be handicapped by the league?" he asked.



Olympic O. Hakoah 1

Chaldi was also late about Hakoah having to play its next Philips Cup match, against Brisbane City, in Brisbane.

"There can be absolutely no justification for scheduling this match in Brisbane," he claimed.

"City are the bottom team in the league and are drawing the second smallest home crowds in the league."

"In addition, this will be the second time in three rounds of the Cup that we have to travel to Brisbane, while none of our teams had to play outside Brisbane to date."

"Why was the previous practice of drawing lots for the home advantage discontinued on this occasion?" he demanded to know.

Chaldi's comments were supported by Hakoah president Frank Lowy, who said his club will "insist that our supporters be given opportunities to see the team at home again this season".

To put the Hakoah coach's comments into their proper perspective, it must be pointed out they were made before last

weekend's matches which saw the Blues record an easy 2-0 win over Sydney Olympic, but saw their rivals in West Adelaide snatch the title.

When the Adelaide score became known in Wentworth Park, Gerry Chaldi — although visibly distressed — paid generous tribute to his rival Jim Adam.

"I can only congratulate Jim for an excellent job with a team which finished at the top as a result of pure, 100 per cent effort. 'Jim is one of the nicest people in the game and deserves all the praise now coming his way,' Chaldi said.

Little did Hakoah's players, officials, fans and well-wishers realise during the Olympic game that they came within four minutes of retaining the title won last year.

In the first half Olympic's Alan Ainalie went close to giving his side a shock lead with one of his left foot "specials" and Ian Souness was nearly in with a speculative 20 metre drive.

After the half-time break Hakoah still failed to get into its stride and Chaldi resorted to repeating a little ritual which has become commonplace in recent weeks.

First, big Mark Trentler was ordered off the substitutes' bench and told to start warming up.

Almost immediately Terry Smith, who had hardly caused a ripple until then, sprang to life to head in a cross from Joe Watson.

Trenter resumed his seat on the bench and Hakoah led 1-0. Significantly, the 61st minute goal came only minutes after Hakoah started to fully utilise its two devastating wingers, Watson and Hilton Silva.

When Murray Barnes chested down a pass from Mullien ten minutes later, took a couple of steps and, undisturbed by the napping defence, calmly lodged it in the back of Gary Meier's net. He only confirmed Hakoah's year-long superiority over Olympic.

In three league and cup fixtures Hakoah scored 11 goals against its former co-tenants at Wentworth Park — with none in return.

That just about sums up the story of this final encounter, too. All that remained was for the Hakoah coach to praise his squad for their tremendous home run in the second half of the championship.

Chaldi claimed Hakoah is playing the best football in the PSL — bar none. Unfortunately, they paid the penalty for an indifferent start to the season.

The penalty is, incidentally, worth \$5000 — the bonus Hakoah's players were offered had they retained the title.

Perhaps this would have been avoided had their imports, Souness and Trenter, arrived a few weeks earlier, if prolific scorer Terry Smith hadn't had to spend two-thirds of the season trying to regain fitness from a series of ankle injuries — and if West Adelaide Hellas, a team made up mostly of players with what was thought to be limited potential, hadn't surprised all the doubters — this writer included.

In the final reckoning the new champions surprised us all with an unexpected amount of steady determination and are worthy champions for 1978.

Charlton's advice

"Bring more individualism back into the game and concentrate on giving skill to the youngsters."

That was the message from the great Bobby Charlton as he arrived from England last week to play guest games with Newcastle KB United.

The recent World Cup in Argentina clearly demonstrated this is the time to groom individual brilliance in our players.

England for example, has gone as far as it can go with method and must now turn to skilled players to reach the top again.

"Coaches throughout the world must spread this teaching to the kids and concentrate on skills and make the youngsters enjoy their football once again."

"At the moment too much emphasis is placed on team drills and method and the kids are not enjoying it."

Newcastle wins for big crowd

By Joe Lanzoni

Newcastle KB United ended their initial year in the Philips League competition in a blaze of glory.

The guest appearance of former England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton, coupled with the charisma that surrounds Rale Rale's Marconi team helped to attract a magnificent crowd of 10,000 people who were treated to a great spectacle.

For the people that expressly came to see Charlton they certainly were not disappointed. He brought a roar from the crowd every time he touched the ball and his ability to anticipate moves and glide in on an intercepting pass has not diminished over the years.

He also showed that he has lost none of his shooting power when in the 58th minute he beat a defender and from 25 metres hit the upright with a great right foot shot that would have had the crowd in a frenzy had it gone in.

But for all of Charlton's brilliance it was Ken Boden who once again proved to be the most difficult player to contain.

Boden, who must be the PSL find of the season, gave a masterly display by time and again beating his man, drawing another and slipping a timely pass to an unmarked colleague.

This best effort came in the 78th minute when he broke through beat four defenders and unleashed a powerful right foot drive from the edge of the penalty area only to see it rebound off the upright.

Marconi, forced to take the field without Peter Sharpe and Mark Janjovics, had plenty of the game but invariably failed to capitalise on good lead up work by over elaborating in the penalty area and allowed the eager Newcastle defence to scramble away several difficult situations.

With the semi finals coming up, Marconi desperately needs the brilliance of Sharpe in the forward line, to take advantage of the many good moves initiated by Jim Rooney and Roberto Vieri.

Vieri, in the game against Newcastle United last week, gave a great display of creative midfield



Newcastle 1 Marconi 0

play. Although his defensive work sometimes is criticised, he does, and makes up for it with his creativity and vision by initiating the majority of Marconi's attacking moves.

The game opened evenly with both defences on top of their respective opponents, and the only incident of note was a disallowed goal by Bill Summerville for an alleged infringement on Alan Maher.

The second half however saw Newcastle United going into attack from the start, which forced the Marconi defence to concede several corners.

It was from the seventh corner in the 58th minute that Newcastle United scored what proved to be the winning goal.

Peter Tredennick's corner kick from the left was headed to Neil Endacott by his back to the goal. He chested the ball and pivoted to give Alan Maher no chance for a great goal.

Endacott, who had a very ordinary first half, was inspired in the second half and possibly played his best game yet for Newcastle United.

The trust placed in him by Newcastle manager Allan Vee was certainly vindicated by that second half performance.

Endacott and Peter Tredennick who have improved tremendously during the season, have grasped their chances with both hands, and last week's game in the same team as the great Bobby Charlton must be the highlight of their short career so far.

This Sunday Newcastle United faces the challenge of Western Suburbs in the Philips Cup at the International Sports Centre, and the exception of Bobby Charlton the team should be unchanged.

Western Suburbs, always an entertaining team to watch, should prove a stiff hurdle for the confident Newcastle outfit.

BANNON WILL MISS BIG CUP GAME

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Fitzroy Alexander captain Pat Bannon will miss the Philips Cup quarter-final against Canberra City on September 24 because he was shown the yellow card at Olympic Park last Sunday.

Alexander 0 JUST 1

Lujic would have scored again had it not been for good defending by Jim O'Reilly. Jim Kriaris went on a strong run through the middle and played a perfect through pass for Lujic to score.

Lujic looked set to strike as O'Reilly stormed in out of nowhere to rob Lujic of the ball.

Alexander came close to scoring in the 35th minute when a Branko Buljevic corner came to Jim Campbell in the middle as goalkeeper Dennis Boland missed it. However, Andy Kazi cleared Campbell's attempt off the line.

Alexander also came close in the second half.

Mike Micevski, who had replaced Buljevic, got into the area unmarked on a long ball but his shot was blocked well by Boland.

Campbell, alone in the area, shot wide and then Campbell and Cole had shots blocked in a frenzy of activity.

Generally however, J.U.S.T. defended very soundly. Kondorovic went everything in the air, Hazabent darted from one side to the other, virtually playing two full back positions because Kazi was following Buljevic, and Kriaris covered well and made some good runs forward.

Dennis Boland was back to his best in goal and Ristic played with the poise, the confidence and of course the skill of a seasoned professional. He will definitely be one of J.U.S.T.'s key players next year.

Mirko Rujic had a brilliant first half but an ordinary second half. Alexander's stars were the two full backs, Arthur McMillan and Jim Tansey.

McMillan was hard as nails in a predominantly defensive role, while Tansey beat his opponent Mendo Ristovski and also attacked well down the flank.

Both clubs will now start planning for next season. John Margerita, coach of Alexander, will go overseas soon and while there he will be on the lookout for players.

J.U.S.T. is negotiating for players from England, Yugoslavia and local clubs.

It has to replace Kriaris who has retired, Mirko Rujic and Andy Kazi who have talked about retiring and perhaps Joe Pellos who has been mysteriously absent for so long.

Kelso's winner

By Bruce Waddell

Brisbane City waited virtually until the last minute of the competition to break through for a long overdue win, when they edged out Brisbane Lions 2-1 at Perry Park.

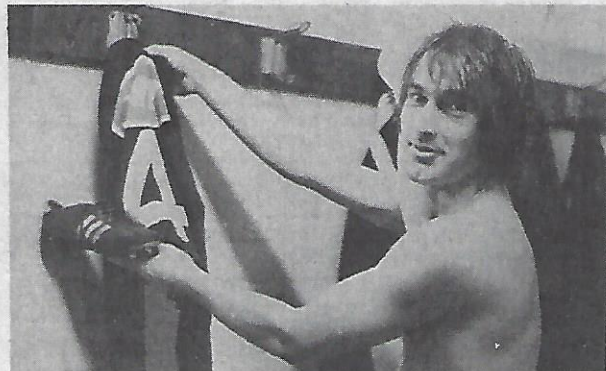
A very even first half ended scoreless, although the Lions defence, minus the injured Cal Bennett, several times got into trouble by their own doing.

The aggressive pair Barry Kelso and Kevin Caldwell ran hard and with purpose and created most of the City openings.

Caldwell put City ahead from the penalty spot after his first attempt, although subsequently had to be retaken because of an encroachment in the area.

Eddie Spearritt, returning as a substitute after several weeks, tested Wishart when a good cross took a deflection and almost sneaked in under the bar, but the keeper backpedalled and shoved the ball over for a corner.

The equaliser came with 12 minutes left when Lions had two successive corners, and following the second an Amos cross was



Jim Kriaris hangs up his boots and his No. 4 shirt. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

KRIARIS TO COACH

Jim Kriaris, who retired at the weekend after 13 years of senior soccer, will now turn to coaching.

Kriaris will fly to Europe next March for coaching courses in West Germany or Holland.

Fitzroy Alexander president Jim Mangopoulos and Footscray JUST boss Tony Kovac each made a presentation to Kriaris before his last match on Sunday at Olympic Park.

Kriaris joined Alexander as a 13-year-old in 1961 and transferred to JUST in 1973.

After the game, he said: "I want to thank the JUST committee and players for the best five years of my soccer career, and I want to thank Cedo Cirkovic for bringing me to such a fine club."

"I also want to thank Alexander for the presentation that Jim Mangopoulos made to me. It was something I had not expected and I am deeply grateful."

"The best present the players could possibly have given me was our 1-0 victory."

"I thank JUST president Tony Kovac and wish him and the club the very best for the future."

"I also thank my wife Helen and the rest of my family for their support."

Staunch fans

Patrick Mangon, 14, made the 100-km journey from Ballarat to watch Footscray J.U.S.T. at Olympic Park and to meet the players.

Patrick's elder brother John, 15, who goes to boarding school in Melbourne, came along.

Patrick had with him a booklet on J.U.S.T. and the Philips League. He and a friend, Mark Seymour, had compiled it.

In the J.U.S.T. rooms before the match, the players signed autographs for the boys and wished them well.

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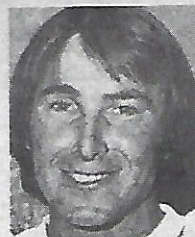
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Lou Denys — Ajax goalkeeper



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George Cross centre back Norm Maitland (right) tackles former Altona City player Con Ignatidis.

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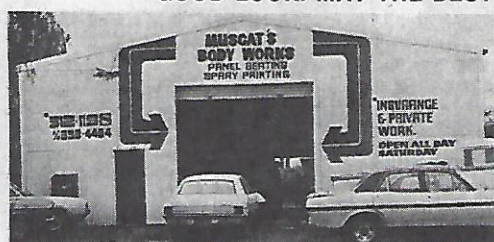
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Although it would be premature to describe Green Gully as a giant killer, the club's 5-0 triumph over George Cross earlier this season was an incredible, if not unexpected feat.

The Gully is well on the way towards establishing itself as one of Victoria's top clubs, but not so long ago it was battling in the wilderness.

In fact, George Cross was a thriving State League club before the Greens even had a senior team.

But now the ambitious St Albans Club is heading upward, and has caught up with George Cross.

With a modern ground and sporting complex, a progressive administration and ever-increasing support from the local Maltese community, Green Gully is one of the few clubs which are 'alive' on the stagnant local scene.

Let's look back at the development of the two clubs.

George Cross came into being in 1947. The tide of post-war immigration saw soccer spring up in Australia, backed by various ethnic groups.

The 'Cross brought together Maltese people and soon (1948) the club was affiliated with the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Slowly, but surely the club built up and in 1953 won its first honor. That was the Third Division championship.

That success gave the club the impetus needed, and the following year it took the Second Division championship, as well as the reserve title.

In 1955, a Maltese immigrant, Harry Moakes, found that many youngsters in the St Albans area wanted to play soccer, but had no local teams to go to.

Moakes decided he would set up a club and named it after a team he'd admired in his homeland — Ajax — which had a playing strip of green and white.

In the early years, Ajax ran only junior teams, but every year the number of players increased.

In the meantime, George Cross won the 1956 under 23 'World Cup' (a competition run locally between different ethnic groups).

In 1957, George again won the Second Division championship and reserve league, and repeated its previous success by winning the 1958 'World Cup'.

It's interesting to note that while the 'Cross was winning the State League Cup, the Dockerty Cup and finishing runner up in the State League in 1959, Green Gully had only two junior teams!

George Cross hit a peak in the years 1960-62, and won the Ampol Cup (runner-up once), and Dockerty Cup (runner-up once) and the State League reserve league.

In the same period, George twice finished second in the State League and twice was runner up in the State League Cup.

It was 1962 when Green Gully first entered a senior team in local competition.

However, in 1964, George Cross achieved a feat that even Green Gully would applaud. The 'Cross won the Australian Cup! In the same year, George also finished runner-up in the State League and the Dockerty Cup.

1964 was fruitful for 'Gully as well. The club won promotion from the Fourth to the Third Division, scoring 70 goals in the process.

The Greens narrowly missed promotion in 1965 but secured a place in the Second Division in 1966.

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Details of previous matches between George Cross and Green Gully —

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GREEN GULLY: Borg; P. Banagan, F. Berens, Marshall, Cole; J. Thompson, Spiteri (Tribuzio), M. Banagan; Segi, Collins, Grady. Coach — Ian Petherick.

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GEORGE CROSS: Kastner; McConville, Webb, Maitland, Cutajar; Murphy, Kelly, Wilkinson; Cullen, Reed, Ebini (Paparas). Coach — Billy Wilkinson.

GREEN GULLY: Borg; J. Thompson, F. Berens, Donaldson, J. Thompson; L. Thomson (Miller), Vassallo, McGill; Segi, Tribuzio (Hamill), Patten. Coach — Ian Petherick.

1978 State League Championship: GEORGE CROSS 1 (McGill own goal) at Olympic Park.

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1978 State League championship: GREEN GULLY 5 (Segi 2, Carr, Perkin, Mifsud own goal). GEORGE CROSS 0 at Green Gully Reserve.

GREEN GULLY: Denys; Donaldson, Patten, Cain, Klain; McCarthy, Daniels, L. Thomson; Segi, Perkin, Carr. Coach — Duncan McKay.

GEORGE CROSS: Rice; McConville, Mifsud, Maitland, Barron; Wilkinson, Murphy, Webb, Cullen, Reed, Walker. Coach Billy Wilkinson.

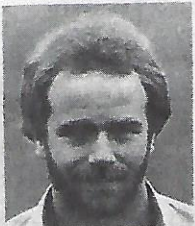
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John Cain — Ajax defender

Ajax v George Cross at St Albans, 3 pm, Sunday.

GREENS MAKE BID FOR CROWN HELD BY GEORGE CROSS

A victory by Green Gully Ajax over George Cross at St Albans on Sunday will give Ajax the right to challenge the Cross for the title of number one Maltese-backed soccer club in Victoria.

For many years the Gully has lived in the shadow of the mighty Cross, but it broke through with a stunning 5-0 victory this season, the first time the St. Albans club has beaten its Maltese rivals.

Will George Cross get revenge for its earlier drubbing and maintain its supremacy, or will Green Gully build on its success and snatch the crown after playing second fiddle for so long? That's the attraction of the 'Battle of St Albans'.

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There's no doubting the rivalry between the fans, but the two sets of players also have a score to settle.

As State League champions, the 0-5 loss to Green Gully was humiliating for the Georgie boys. Their form since that debacle has improved greatly, and John Sanchez has replaced Billy Wilkinson as coach. They are out to even things up.

Green Gully was aiming to finish in the top four this season. However, inconsistency cost the green and whites dearly.

But still the team's credibility is at stake. If Green Gully goes down to George Cross, the 5-0 win in round eight will look like a fluke. The Gully men think they're good enough to be in the top four, and will be out to prove it by beating George Cross.

And what do the coaches think? Unfortunately they aren't caught up in the 'big game fever' that has swept through the fans.

"It's just another State League game to us," said George Cross coach John Sanchez. "Of course we want to win it, but that's what we try to do every week. "I wasn't with the side when they got done 5-0, but I know the boys are playing much better now. They're looking forward to the game because they have something to prove."

Green Gully coach Duncan McKay expressed similar sentiments, but said his team would be going all out to win for the supporters.

"The club has been very good to the players and to me," he said, "and we'd like to win for them. But apart from that, it's another game that we want to win. We don't really look at it the same way the fans do."

"The last time we met George Cross we played very well. But it's been a strange season. I think we should have done better, but still the club has done fairly well."

I think the game will be a battle between the teamwork and unity of Green Gully, and the individual flair in the George team.

Green Gully's midfield has no main man. The success of the team in this area depends on all three midfielders — Lee

Thomson, Ian McCarthy and Nigel Daniels — pulling together and working as a unit. All three are honest workers and are expected to battle for the full 90 minutes. However, George's midfield has more balance and technique about it. The general is the experienced Billy Wilkinson.

While he's knocking passes around, the solidly built Tony Castello plays as the defensive midfielder. He's strong, and is hard to pass and is great at breaking down attacks, then pumping the ball forward.

The attacking partner in the Georgie midfield trio is Robert Mirak. Agile and fast, Mirak does a good job buzzing around and supporting the front runners, as well as getting back to defend.

On paper, George Cross has the edge in midfield. However, if Wilkinson doesn't produce, the side isn't as effective. Green Gully may assign someone to shadow the Georgie dangerman, which may level up the score.

Ken Reed, the goalscoring dynamo of last season, is just running into form. He played poorly at the start of the season, and as a result, George struggled.

However, he's now back to his best and is menacing defenders every week. Reed is as strong as a horse, and shields the ball extremely well.

His marker — John Cain — faces a difficult task. But Cain is the most accomplished Gully defender and one of the best centre halves in the State. Last time he faced Reed, the Georgie man came off second best. The duel between these two will have a big bearing on the outcome of the game.

Stan Klain, the Gully full back, has the unenviable job of trying to contain George's Robert 'Tiger' Cullen. The wee winger is in the Tommy Cumming mould: small in size, but big on speed and effort. Cullen doesn't post pester backmen and given an inch, will take off with quick acceleration.

It's interesting to note that Klain did a better than average job marking Cumming when Green Gully played Essendon Croatia.

George's other striker — Jim Pappas — is a sneaky type. Opposition defenders may think because he's young and fragile looking, that he's a pushover. No way Pappas can capitalise on chances and is liable to flash into the play at any time.

He faces the sturdy Peter Donaldson.

Green Gully's sweeper John Patten has performed consistently this season. Solid in the tackle and a good reader of the game, Patten is a hard man to beat on his day.

At the other end of the park, the battle between Norm Maitland and Steve Carr should be just as intriguing as the Cain/Reed duel.

Maitland is definitely one of the most dependable stoppers in the league. Last time Carr and Maitland met, it was a ding-dong battle. Carr isn't scared about the knocks he takes week after week, and will keep coming back for more, no matter what big Norm dishes out.

Andy Segi has many tricks up his sleeve and is an elusive forward. He may have too much guile for Derek Barron, the Georgie left back.

Once again with Green Gully, teamwork is the forward line's main forte. The goalscoring tallies of the front men are — Segi 7, Carr 5 and Gerry Tribuzio 6. Most teams have one man who gets the bulk of the goals, but at Green Gully the workload is shared.

Both goalkeepers could be in for busy days. Lou Denys has been around for a while and has a reputation as a safe 'keeper. However, George's Steve Maitson, although not as well known to local fans as Denys, is also a very capable player.

The game promises to be hard fought. George Cross has developed a strong fighting spirit and displayed this strength against PSL team Canberra City in the Phillips Cup.

Green Gully's team work is very good, and the side has plenty of spirited fighters. Overall, George Cross has the outstanding individuals, plus an aggressive, battling approach. Gully may not have the individuals to match George Cross, but works very effectively as a unit. It's anyone's game.



The George Cross team that won the 1977 State League championship, standing from left: Derek Barron, Paul Murphy, Kevin Kelly (now Altona), Lou Kastner (now Keilor Austria), John Webb, Ken Reed. Front: Phil Cutajar, Robert Cullen, Billy Wilkinson, Alex McConville, Peter Ebini.



Green Gully Ajax, standing from left: Franz Berens, Stan Klain, Peter Donaldson, Gerry Tribuzio, John Cain, Lou Denys, Andy Segi. Front: Ian McCarthy, John Patten, Joe Thompson, Steve Bennie, Les Thomson, David Perkin.

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German coach to visit

Australian national coach Rudi Gutendorf has arranged for one of Europe's leading soccer coaching directors to visit Australia.

He is **Karl-Helm-Heddergott**, director of coaching for the West German Football Association.

Heddergott's coaching academy is regarded by experts as the best in the world and he will be in Australia before the end of the year.

Gutendorf, who is an old friend of Heddergott's, made the deal when

he returned to West Germany last month to wind up his affairs before taking over his new appointment in Australia.

Gutendorf is expected back in Australia mid-September.

Mix produces a winning style

The trend towards the use of Australian-produced players in our top soccer is accelerating, especially in Sydney.

This can be seen in the make-up of three of Sydney's Philips League teams.

West's St George and Marconi.

Woodhouse, Skellern, Turnbull, Rowden, Stone, Fisher (West's) John O'Shea, Robert O'Shea, Harris, Terry, Grosse, Coe (St George), Maher, Jones, Dugan, Russell, Mariani, Sharne, Jankovic (Marconi) are all 1st team regulars who have developed in Australia.

Second-placed NSW State league team, Sutherland, has a first team in which every player was developed in Australia, most of them in the

local Sutherland region.

The Scottish and English influence however still remains the strongest factor affecting the game in this country.

This is especially so with the large number of British players in top sides like Hakoah and South Melbourne Hellas.

However, players, not nationalities, styles or team formations are what produce success.

West Adelaide, with its English-born target man Pillans and its aggressive Scottish midfielders McGachey, Honer and Boyle have found success with the British style and a Scottish coach, Jim Adam.

On the other hand, English coach Alan Vest, has not been able to achieve the same results with his English players at Newcastle.

The British skills have been controlled and refined by the thoughtful Israeli coach, Gerry Chaldi at Hakoah and



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he has produced a quick-passing style that is pleasing to watch as well as effective.

Rale Rasic has done the same at Marconi.

I believe there is now a definite trend towards technically skilful soccer in this country, in which all nationalities are influencing the other.

It was once said that Australian players could not produce top skill.

Gary Marrochi, Peter Stone, Mark Jankovic, Peter Sharne, Kevin Mullen and so many other Australian developed players in the Philips League and throughout the country are proving this is not so.

The mix of British and Australian temperament and aggression allied to European and South American skills is beginning to produce the type of players and teams which will be well equipped for modern soccer — even at international level.

Byrne to Germany for fee of \$15,000

Marconi is likely to sell Soccerboy Gary Byrne to West German club Viktoria Cologne for \$15,000.

Marconi originally valued Byrne at between \$20,000 and \$25,000 for the European market, but is prepared to accept Cologne's bid.

Viktoria Cologne is currently 18th in the 20-team West German Second Division (north).

Byrne left Australia midway through the current season, to gain overseas experience.



Georgio Chinaglia (left) — punched team-mate Steve Hunt. Franz Beckenbauer (right) — lost Sweeper's position to Carlos Alberto.

'Idiot'—and then a right cross!

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Just over 12 months ago the New York Cosmos' high priced talent won the North American Soccer League title, but the Cosmos suffered the same problems as a film stable of shouting and pouting egos.

With the wealthiest and most talented team in the league, the Cosmos are favorites to repeat their title victory — if they don't kill each other first.

"I have 50,000 people who can take care of the music business for me," says Ahmet Ertegun, Cosmos president and chairman of Atlantic Records, a vital Warner Communications company.

But the soccer is driving me crazy. I have a coach who wants a certain type of player, I have a general manager who wants glamour and I have a volatile team that get angry if you get rid of anyone.

"We could spend \$8 million and buy a team that would annihilate everyone."

But that would only kill the league. So we compromised and built a team that will only beat everyone.

Last year the Cosmos very nearly murdered each other.

There were ugly ego clashes and power struggles in the locker room and executive suite.

Rumors were rife about new players coming in and management changes. Players were paranoid and it got worse when Clive Toye, Cosmos president, and Gordon Bradley, team coach, were sacked.

The off-field tension inevitably affected the Cosmos game.

Steve Hunt, the talented 21-year-old English winger, refused to give up the ball, taking long distracted runs and wild shots.

"Easy, Steve, easy," Pele would say, trying to calm him down, "pass the ball." But Hunt would whirl around and plug his ears.

In the locker rooms players and Bradley clashed and in one infamous incident star defender Bobby Smith and Bradley almost came to blows.

The day before a vital game against the Aztecs, the Cosmos had a team meeting. Smith walked into the meeting and couldn't find his name in the starting line-up.

Smith paced up and down the room while Bradley explained a play. Cursing, Smith spat at the blackboard and then kicked it.

"That's what I think of your f..... coaching," he screamed.

It's a f..... joke."

Smith lunged forward and kicked the blackboard, cutting his foot.

Pele's mouth dropped in astonishment while Beckenbauer fought to keep back a smile.

Two weeks later Bradley was sacked and after the announcement on a hot, humid day at the Giants Stadium.

Pele trembling and tears streaming down his cheeks, said: "I hope that from now on, things will be different. I hope now players go to the coach with problems."

Eddie Firmani was the new coach and there were allegations that he had been offered the job months before by his old friend, Georgio Chinaglia.

Many Cosmos players were so angry that they refused to speak to Chinaglia.

The tensions erupted on the practice field one day.

Chinaglia messed up a pass from Steve Hunt and the English star forward called Chinaglia "stupid".

When Chinaglia messed up another pass, he called him an "idiot".

He couldn't get another word in before Chinaglia floored him with a right cross.

Firmani tried to create some harmony on the field. He was a shrewd tactician interested in winning games, not personality contests.

Some of his moves were controversial. Firmani gave the sweeper role to Carlos Alberto and put Beckenbauer in midfield.

Beckenbauer accepted the news gracefully, but was clearly uncomfortable.

Firmani also moved Hunt further upfield and out on the wing to keep the middle open, and moved Pele back to keep the goal area clear.

These changes gave Chinaglia more room and on July 27 last year he scored three goals in an 8-2 rout of Washington.

"The pressure to win is incredible now," said Bobby Smith.

It was the day before the last game of the regular season, and Smith was sitting outside a closed locker room door, cutting tape off his feet.

"It's not the guys' fault that there is so much crap going on."

"They're playing for their jobs. I used to be an idealist about this game, but now I have three priorities — my game, my team (to some extent) and my friends."

"This is not a tight team, if we play a team in the playoffs we the guys care about each other and fight for each other, we're gonna get beat."

In the first playoff match against Tampa Bay, the Cosmos won 3-0 with goals

from the rejuvenated Pele (2) and Chinaglia.

In the next home game, Chinaglia scored three goals in an 8-3 rout of Fort Lauderdale.

Chinaglia got another goal against Fort Lauderdale in the return match in the last six minutes to equalise 2-2. The Cosmos eventually won 3-2.

The Cosmos followed by beating Rochester twice 2-1 and 4-1. Chinaglia grabbed another three goals.

Only one game remained — the Soccer Bowl in Portland against the Seattle Sounders for the NASL title.

The Cosmos dedicated the game to Pele, and for a brief moment the bickering stopped.

Alberto was brilliant at sweeper. Smith was the consummate professional in defence and Hunt was irresistible.

And Chinaglia — booed at the start of the game — scored the winning goal in the 2-1 victory.

In the locker room bedlam that followed, Pele was the centre of attention. TV cameras followed him into the shower.

Cosmos players chanted his name over and over.

Yet Pele would not have had that moment without Chinaglia's sensational finish, a record-setting nine goals in six play off games.

And Chinaglia might not have had his championship winning goal without that pass from the team mate he punched in practice, Steve Hunt.

Firmani took a lot of the credit but as goalkeeper Shep Messing said: "With the talent we had we could have won with Little Orphan Annie coaching us."

"We got it together because we wanted to win it for Pele."

But Pele has gone and the bickering that almost tore them apart last season is creeping back.

They recently lost their unbeaten 26 game home record and are struggling.

But will they get it all together again for the NASL final and win it for the second year running at the Giants Stadium — their home ground?

Hellas 'not interested in broadening base'

FALLING CROWDS TROUBLE PSL

After recent talk about soccer fans vanishing from Sydney this year, clouds are now also gathering in Brisbane and Melbourne and the Philips League's management is starting to take notice of the danger signs.

Most noticeable have been the small turnout of soccer fans in the Queensland capital — especially when contrasted with the crowds of six to seven thousand claimed for some fixtures last year.

It is generally agreed that those crowds were grossly over-estimated and the installation of proper turnstiles at Perry Park this year has brought the local patriot down to earth.

Looking to Melbourne, Footscray JUST, the "sick men" of the PSL this year with home crowds regularly announced as around 1000.

This leads to the reasonable deduction that the actual attendance at some matches was in the hundreds.

PSL manager John Frank this week said his management committee was most concerned with attendances at the two centres and he has several explanations for the problems facing the league.

"We are very concerned about Brisbane City's position, although their poor playing record this year could partly be blamed for the small home crowds," he said.

"As for Lions, they are in a special position, playing one day they do virtually away from home when in Brisbane."

The PSL manager explained that Lions' following is based almost completely

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believe.

"They are not selling their product to a broad base of potential support, and in addition their performance is not as good as it was earlier," he said.

"Fitzroy Alexander's following is much bigger, therefore is the drop in their attendances is not of the same magnitude."

As to the suggestion that, outside the two provincial cities, the league could develop into a competition almost exclusively of Greek and Italian sponsored clubs, Frank complained of "club resistance" to broadening the basis of their general appeal.

"Look at South Melbourne," he said.

"They are on the crest of a wave, winning matches, getting big crowds and thus getting the money to spend on players."

"Frankly, they are unconcerned about broadening their basis."

However, when a team is erratic in its performance the crowds inevitably shrink, even if it is a Greek-sponsored outfit, as in the case of Olympic in Sydney.

The clubs ought to think very seriously about the need to recruit new supporters.

"If they won't do this of their own volition, the league will make it very clear to them next year that something must be done," the PSL manager said.

That bottoms on seats at soccer grounds around Australia are a major concern to the PSL was made obvious by the method of deciding home teams for the forthcoming Philips Cup matches.

Attendance figures



PSL manager John Frank

throughout the year were taken into account, as well as travel undertaken by the remaining clubs in previous rounds.

Potential crowds will also be a major factor in deciding the venues of the Top Four playoffs.

However, Frank tried to calm uneasy Sydney fans by predicting that the league will try to have some playoff action in the Harbour City.

This is reassuring, indeed, as the PSL would do otherwise at its own peril.

Although not the only problem spot on the Australian soccer map, it would be foolish to deny that Sydney is ailing.

However, it would be just as foolish to try to "cure" the patient with a deliberate policy of neglect.

It has been noted by Sydney fans — and noted with extreme chagrin — that both quarter-finals of the Philips Cup involving local teams are to be played away from home.

Coaching by McKendrey

The Victorian director of coaching, Len McKendrey, will conduct the next session for the eastern branch of the Victorian Coaches Federation at Ringwood United's ground, Wonga Park, on Monday, September 4 at 7.30 pm.

McKendrey will be assisted by staff coach, Freddy Bunce and Fred Brooks.

The session is aimed at improving coaching techniques and advising people who want to take coaching courses under the Rothmans national coaching scheme.

Further information is available from D. Barker

VICTORIAN CUPS DRAW

The draw for preliminary and first rounds of the Victorian Winfield Cup, scheduled dates:

Saturday, September 9

Preliminary round: Western Suburbs v Moreland; Monash University v Brighton; Corio v Port Melbourne; Essendon v Werribee; Kellor City.

Saturday, September 16

First round: Fitzroy United; Monash United; Brighton v Clayton; Moorook United v Heidelberg; Box Hill v Collingwood City; Eltham v Coburg; Werribee v South Yarra v Geelong City; University of Melbourne v Moorabbin City; Footscray v Chelsea; Doncaster v Dandenong v Doveton v Bell Park; Sandringham City v Kellor Australia; Doveton v Springvale v Fawkner; Ferntree Gully v Mornington, Park

Western Suburbs or Moreland v Moorwell Falcons; Knox City v South Melbourne or Essendon City; Corio or Port Melbourne v Werribee or Kellor City.

The draw for the preliminary and first rounds of the Provisional League Cup:

Saturday, September 16

Preliminary round: Central Altona v Balaclava; Melton v Bulwer; Nunawading City v Geelong; Rosebud v North Dandenong; Carlton v Royal Park; Bendigo v

Dandenong v Karingal; Hotham v Greensborough.

Saturday, September 23

First round: Hamlyn Rangers v Frankston; Pines; Langwarrin v East Brunswick; Keysborough v Central Altona; Balaclava; Bendigo City or Sunbury United v Hawthorn; Williamstown v South Dandenong or Karingal; Carlton or Park v Hotham or Greensborough; Rosebud or North Dandenong v Thomastown; Nunawading City or Geelong v



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Botanical shoes in overthrow of Croatia

A great 2-1 win by Apia over Croatia at Lambert Park revived the Leichhardt team's hope of making the top four in the NSW State League.

The first goal came in the tenth minute. John Doyle finished off a fine solo run with a perfect pass to Terry Butler.

Butler headed to Bob Fryer who scored from two metres. Fryer also scored the second goal in the 37th minute. He headed the ball home from close range.

Apia played to the plan of keeping Abony quiet, and this was achieved most effectively in the first half. Contributing to this was 16-year-old Jim Bettelino, who, in his first senior game, gave a polished performance.

Following Abony's goal, Apia appeared to panic and had several narrow escapes before they settled down again to hang on to their lead.

Butler, the hardest working player on the field, was best for Apia, while Doyle and Fryer were outstanding in the first half.

Kovacic was Croatia's best player, and Abony was dangerous in the second half.

Sutherland squandered many goal-scoring opportunities. Butler headed to Bob Fryer who scored from two metres. Fryer also scored the second goal in the 37th minute. He headed the ball home from close range.

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NSW State League with JOHN TAYLOR

Toongabbie beat them 2-1 at Gliraween

Toongabbie were superior in all departments. Only John McDonald and Andy Tracey showed any attacking threat towards goal for Auburn.

Toongabbie opened the scoring in the 12th minute through Steve Pollard. They increased their lead in the 49th minute when Carlos Ortega scored with a low hard shot from a Jim Izatt pass.

Toongabbie relaxed late in the game and allowed Auburn to pull back a goal. David Peters slammed in a fine shot from 35 metres, but the Toongabbie defence held firm as Auburn pressed for the equaliser.

With the minutes ticking away, a draw seemed certain but Terry Jones broke through on the right and sent a perfect cross to Ikononou who slammed the ball into the net from 20 metres, giving Arncliffe keeper Norm Rogers no chance.

Mellita winger Brian Parker was dangerous twice in the first 15 minutes but had shots brilliantly saved by Dave Butler and Rogers. Five minutes after the interval Parker had another chance but centre half Frank Hall saved by clearing off his line.

Manly destroyed Marrickville Olympic's semi-final hopes with a 2-0 win at Arlington Oval. Manly's first goal came in the 11th minute when sweeper John Dick's free kick deflected off the wall and into the net.

The seadiggers took command in midfield with Mick Banks controlling play and Robbie Stewart setting his markers on the right wing.

This week's games

SATURDAY
Toongabbie v M'ville Olympic Gliraween Park
Avala v Apia Mona Park
SUNDAY
Granville v M'ville Olympic Gliraween Park.
Arncliffe v Sutherland Barton Park.
Manly v Toongabbie Cromer Park.
Auburn v Monaro Mona Park.
Croatia v Yugal Sports Ground.
Bankstown v Mellita, Soccer Centre.

Marrickville's Australian schoolboy representative Peter Kothalos added bite to the Olympic attack but lacked support. With ten minutes remaining Manly's tall Fijian striker Joe Nawulu made a break inside the penalty area after receiving a lovely through ball and his shot was handballed on the line.

Bobby Geoghegan made no mistake with the penalty. From the kick-off Bankstown's Bob Uher came through to bend the ball across and through the

A 2-2 draw with Yugal at Concord Oval made Bankstown's hopes of avoiding relegation a little brighter. The opening goal came in the 40th minute when Yugal's left winger Sam Gaultfoot picked up a poor clearance from Bankstown keeper Terry Greedy and slammed it into the net.

From the kick-off Bankstown's Bob Uher came through to bend the ball across and through the

Monaro cemented their top four spot with a convincing 3-0 win over Avala at the Marco Polo Ground, Queanbeyan. Goal scorers for Monaro were Tony Morello, Alan Bourke and Sebastian Glanville.

Monaro led one-nil at half time and were always in control. Avala rarely looked dangerous and, in fact, had two real shots at goal during the entire match. Monaro were without regular players Glenning, John Santolin and John Morello but were still too strong in all departments for Avala.

JUNIOR STANDINGS

VICTORIA

Victorian junior standings as at August 20:

State League Colts

UNDER 14	W	D	L	F	A	P
Princes	10	1	0	45	9	21
Sand. City	8	1	3	45	17	7
G. Gully	7	2	3	28	15	7
Frankston	6	2	4	37	16	7
Hazelton	6	1	4	45	17	13
Junonia	5	3	5	16	22	13
Albion	3	1	7	19	31	7
Wing. City	2	0	11	19	66	4
George X	0	0	11	8	81	0
UNDER 16	W	D	L	F	A	P
Junonia	12	1	1	50	12	21
Essexdale	10	1	3	34	18	21
Princes	9	2	4	56	20	20
Princes	7	2	3	57	17	16
Albion	6	2	6	36	24	14
G. Gully	5	2	6	29	32	12
Frankston	5	0	11	20	51	11
Hazelton	4	3	7	23	41	11
George X	3	0	10	19	50	6
Sun. City	0	0	14	13	87	0
UNDER 18	W	D	L	F	A	P
Waverley	13	0	1	51	14	26
Essexdale	9	1	2	57	14	19
Box Hill	7	1	4	40	18	12
Waverley	7	1	4	40	18	12
Waverley	6	3	3	38	15	15
Melbourne	6	3	3	29	15	15
Keller	4	7	2	21	30	15
Croydon	4	5	2	23	34	14
St. Albans	3	3	2	21	36	9
Waverley	0	1	15	13	101	1
UNDER 16	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill	14	1	0	50	4	29
Arden	9	3	2	47	22	22
Fitzroy	7	4	4	40	18	12
Fawcett	6	3	3	38	15	15
Melbourne	6	3	3	29	15	15
Keller	4	7	2	21	30	15
Croydon	4	5	2	23	34	14
St. Albans	3	3	2	21	36	9
Waverley	0	1	15	13	101	1
UNDER 14	W	D	L	F	A	P
Footscray	15	0	1	81	22	32
Mordialloc	11	2	3	50	24	24
Star Sport	11	1	4	45	12	23
Roseville	8	3	3	40	15	15
Paisley	6	3	3	38	15	15
Moorebank	7	1	3	42	15	9
Knox City	6	3	2	42	15	9
Caullfield	4	4	3	33	10	12
Ring. City	4	2	11	30	52	7
Brighton	1	3	12	18	49	5
UNDER 12	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lyndale	9	2	1	44	22	20
Ed. Meadows	5	2	4	35	24	15
Roseville	4	4	4	19	12	12
Subs. Wk.	4	4	4	19	12	12
Baxter	4	3	2	33	11	11
G. Boro	3	4	3	23	10	10
Coburg	1	3	13	12	37	5
UNDER 10	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Marks	15	2	1	112	13	22
Clarendon	11	3	4	82	30	25
F. Pines	11	3	4	72	35	25
Clifton Hill	10	4	4	73	24	24
Roseville	11	2	5	57	32	24
Boronia	7	2	3	34	16	16
Northam	6	2	3	39	14	14
Mordialloc	4	1	4	24	9	9
Roseville	3	0	14	6	1	1
Regent St	1	0	14	6	1	1
UNDER 8	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Marks	15	2	1	112	13	22
Clarendon	11	3	4	82	30	25
F. Pines	11	3	4	72	35	25
Clifton Hill	10	4	4	73	24	24
Roseville	11	2	5	57	32	24
Boronia	7	2	3	34	16	16
Northam	6	2	3	39	14	14
Mordialloc	4	1	4	24	9	9
Roseville	3	0	14	6	1	1
Regent St	1	0	14	6	1	1
UNDER 6	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Marks	15	2	1	112	13	22
Clarendon	11	3	4	82	30	25
F. Pines	11	3	4	72	35	25
Clifton Hill	10	4	4	73	24	24
Roseville	11	2	5	57	32	24
Boronia	7	2	3	34	16	16
Northam	6	2	3	39	14	14
Mordialloc	4	1	4	24	9	9
Roseville	3	0	14	6	1	1
Regent St	1	0	14	6	1	1

Under 16

DIVISION 'A'	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth. Res.	10	1	1	56	9	21
Bullion	10	0	2	48	13	20
Bundoora	7	2	3	48	14	16
Moorebank	6	2	4	37	14	16
Waverley	4	1	7	40	19	19
Moorebank	2	10	13	85	4	4
St. Albans	0	0	12	3	102	0
DIVISION 'B'	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth. Res.	10	1	1	56	9	21
Bullion	10	0	2	48	13	20
Bundoora	7	2	3	48	14	16
Moorebank	6	2	4	37	14	16
Waverley	4	1	7	40	19	19
Moorebank	2	10	13	85	4	4
St. Albans	0	0	12	3	102	0
DIVISION 'C'	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth. Res.	10	1	1	56	9	21
Bullion	10	0	2	48	13	20
Bundoora	7	2	3	48	14	16
Moorebank	6	2	4	37	14	16
Waverley	4	1	7	40	19	19
Moorebank	2	10	13	85	4	4
St. Albans	0	0	12	3	102	0
DIVISION 'D'	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth. Res.	10	1	1	56	9	21
Bullion	10	0	2	48	13	20
Bundoora	7	2	3	48	14	16
Moorebank	6	2	4	37	14	16
Waverley	4	1	7	40	19	19
Moorebank	2	10	13	85	4	4
St. Albans	0	0	12	3	102	0

Under 14

DIVISION 'A'	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth. Res.	15	1	0	74	10	31
Sh. Melb.	11	4	1	42	13	26
Thornhill	8	4	3	29	20	20
Footscray	8	3	4	25	12	23
Waverley	7	4	3	34	15	15
Waverley	3	10	21	52	9	9
Moorebank	2	11	16	39	8	8
Knox City	2	4	15	39	8	8
Caullfield	4	4	3	33	10	12
Ring. City	4	2	11	30	52	7
Brighton	1	3	12	18	49	5
DIVISION 'B'	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth. Res.	15	1	0	74	10	31
Sh. Melb.	11	4	1	42	13	26
Thornhill	8	4	3	29	20	20
Footscray	8	3	4	25	12	23
Waverley	7	4	3	34	15	15
Waverley	3	10	21	52	9	9
Moorebank	2	11	16	39	8	8
Knox City	2	4	15	39	8	8
Caullfield	4	4	3	33	10	12
Ring. City	4	2	11	30	52	7
Brighton	1	3	12	18	49	5
DIVISION 'C'	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth. Res.	15	1	0	74	10	31
Sh. Melb.	11	4	1	42	13	26
Thornhill	8	4	3	29	20	20
Footscray	8	3	4	25	12	23
Waverley	7	4	3	34	15	15
Waverley	3	10	21	52	9	9
Moorebank	2	11	16	39	8	8
Knox City	2	4	15	39	8	8
Caullfield	4	4	3	33	10	12
Ring. City	4	2	11	30	52	7
Brighton	1	3	12	18	49	5
DIVISION 'D'	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth. Res.	15	1	0	74	10	31
Sh. Melb.	11	4	1	42	13	26
Thornhill	8	4	3	29	20	20
Footscray	8	3	4	25	12	23
Waverley	7	4	3	34	15	15
Waverley	3	10	21	52	9	9
Moorebank	2	11	16	39	8	8
Knox City	2	4	15	39	8	8
Caullfield	4	4	3	33	10	12
Ring. City	4	2	11	30	52	7
Brighton	1	3	12	18	49	5

Under 15

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Star Sport	13	1	2	77	9
Watsonia	11	3	2	35	23
Hampton	8	4	4	31	28
Brighton	6	6	4	43	36
Melton	4	7	5	31	43
Clayton	4	4	7	32	26
Mulgrave	2	5	8	33	52
Boxmarijs	3	3	10	22	52
Nuna Cty 'B'	2	3	11	12	38



● Coburg president Keith Upard (left) recently showed the club's oldest known former player, Ted Arowsmith (right), around the premises at Hosken Reserve. During his visit, Ted met Coburg's two youngest players, Fabio Cocorocchio, 9 (left) and Lou Spides, 8. On the wall, framed for posterity, is the three-page anniversary feature on Coburg, published earlier this season by "Soccer Action."

Loughran 'returns'

Former Australian international Frank Loughran will make a "comeback" to help his club, Coburg, celebrate its 60th anniversary.

Loughran, who played with Coburg for many years, will don the club's colors once again in a friendly game between the first team and a team of former players.

The game will be on Saturday, October 7, at Hosken Reserve.

On that afternoon, the mayor of Coburg will unveil a plaque presented by the City of Coburg to commemorate the club's 60th year.

JUNIOR TITLES

Early results of Australian Junior Championships:

Australian U-14 championships at Yallourn, Vic. Round 1: Tasmania 1 (Djick) Queensland 1, Victoria 2 (Tain), Belkley ACT 0, Northern NSW 1 (R. Wells) South Australia 2 (List, Mullen), NSW 4 (Brown 2, Fletcher, Batten) Western Australia 0.

Australian U-15 championships at Redcliffe, Qld. Round 1: Queensland 1 Tasmania 0, NSW 2 Western Australia 0, Northern NSW 3 South Australia 2, Victoria 7 Northern Territory 2, Round 2: Victoria 4 Northern NSW 3, South Australia 2 Tasmania 1, Western Australia 7 Northern Territory 0, NSW 3 Queensland 2.

Australian U-16 championships in Hobart, Round 1: Western Australia 1 (R. Cichini) Northern NSW 1 (D. Tucker), NSW 4 (G. Viskay, D. Hale, D. Plumb, A. Gilbert) Northern Territory 0, South Australia 1 (G. Mullins) Tasmania 0.

Parker's hit!

DISTRICT LEAGUE ROUND UP

Mossfield Rangers' Alfie Parker took the goal scoring honours in the District League, collecting four against Latrobe Uni as the Rangers hammered the students 10-0. The rest of the mammoth total was contributed by P. Wilkinson (2), D. Stutterd (2), C. Barron and M. Trzakomka.

A crowd of 1,000 saw South Oakleigh crush Morialta 5-1, thanks to a hat-trick from Bill Kaspakakis, and two more from Peter Tzitsiris.

South will be hard to catch now, but Nunawading stumbled and have Yarville, Regent and Post-tel in hot pursuit of that second place.

Hampton had a fine away win over fellow strugglers Boroona, scoring twice in 30 seconds, but are still on the bottom of the ladder with Pascoe Vale.

The competition at the heart of Division Two eased somewhat, when Rosanna and Clifton Hill lost ground with their draw.

The top three all won and the irresponsible Hawksburn look set to take the ton.

Their four goals against Sandown came from Les Maroki, Steve Laslo, Ignace Losonc and coach Steve Bleskany.

In Division Three, Chellenham have a winning grip on the championship, but a fierce struggle is going on between Diamond Creek, North Sunshine and East Carlton for the second spot, and postponed games could decide the issue there.

Postponed games will also be vital in Division Four where Central City completed their season with a draw against Abbotsford Tassa. Andre Nicolou got the vital goal.

But Central could be caught by Malvern City, with two games in hand and Vermont, who still have three to play.

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First Division SPRINGVALE 1 (Cherry) BOX HILL 1 (Taylor).

SPRINGVALE: Mur 6, Edgar 6, Dolmatsch 7, Christians 6, Orvial 6, Golan 6, Lawler 7, Campbell 7, Beard 6 (McKinley), Cherry 6, Luca 6.

BOX HILL: Morgan 7, White 7, Corke 9, Waaldyk 6, Patterson 8, Horner 7, McLeod 7, Brown 7, Berardini 7, Tuffield 8, Taylor 7.

The battle of the Croydon killers ended in a 1-1 draw, and as a result, Box Hill stay ahead of Springvale on goal average.

Box Hill and Springvale are the only two teams to have beaten Croydon City this season.

Played at 'Vale's Ross Reserve, Box Hill started brightly, and was on top in the first 20 minutes.

The Hillmen had more urgency and desire to win the ball after the team's recent poor displays, but still allowed Springvale to come back into the game in the 15 minutes before half time.

It was during this period that Alan Cherry put 'Vale into the lead after a corner kick had beaten Box Hill goalkeeper Graham Morgan and a box of players and fallen free in the six yard box.

After the interval, Box Hill continued to push forward, and came close several times before Ray Taylor slotted the ball home in the 15 minutes before half time.

Serge Berardini hit the bar with one shot, and was narrowly over with another, and Steve Brown was unlucky when he made good position on the far post.

For 'Vale, Don Lawler had a shot tipped over by Morgan and Hugh Campbell hit the bar.

Ian McLeod was starting many Box Hill attacks up the left flank and Aukie Waaldyk played many good passes.

Paul Corke in the Box Hill defence was dependable as ever, and held the back four together.

Anyone interested in offering their services, or in coming along on October 7, should ring Bob Melcom (338-5483) or Keith Upard (338-9952).

Second Division PORT MELBOURNE 3 MELBOURNE 3 (Rae 2, Tribuzio).

Melbourne team: E. Toth, Diamantaris, Drinczko, Liu, Celo, A. Toth (Lee), Barker, Thompson, Rae, Tribuzio, Jurina.

Melbourne won the Second Division championship with this exciting draw, and now goes back to the First Division.

Ken Kontra's boys led 1-0 at half time after a goal by captain Billy Rae.

After the break, Rae made it 2-0 from a Jurina centre flicked on by Tribuzio.

Then Port Melbourne fought back. A free kick made it 2-1 and a goal after a corner levelled the scores.

Port went ahead 3-2 but with five minutes to go Tribuzio ran at a free kick from Lee and headed home powerfully to snatch the draw.

Rae's two goals brought his tally to 11 for the season. Tribuzio and Jurina have eight each.

Best players were Rae, Liu and Tribuzio.

ST ALBANS 2 (Bens own goal, Jurcan) FERNTEE GULLY 1 (De Rooy).

ST ALBANS: Dimopoulos, Abela, Watson, Camilleri, Szwed, Watkins, Schaffner, Beller, Simintzis, Jurcan, Newton, Bens, Pozar, Gauci, Kovacevic.

FERNTEE GULLY: Holt, Johnston, Bens, Clark, Teeuw, Spj, De Rooy, Van Est, Sinclair, Funnell, Rowson, Res, Johnston (1), Halvort.

A mix up in the Gully defence in the third minute saw St Albans go ahead when a low cross from Abela on the

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through Claude Senease. Fifteen minutes later, Keith Watling saved an Essendon penalty and put Moorabbin into attack again. With only four passes, Stephen Gregory was again able to find the net with an 18 yard left foot shot.

Essendon replied to Moorabbin's three goal lead, but only eight-minutes after Triestina's keeper was substituted, his replacement allowed a firmly struck back pass to go through his legs and into the net.

Moorabbin sealed the game when ten minutes from time Stephen Gregory completed a well deserved hat-trick.

Armstrong Cup RINGWOOD CITY 4 (Van Leuverden 3, Matthol) MORWELL FALCONS 1.

Ringwood City reserves moved into the top spot of the Harry Armstrong Cup with a good 4-1 win over Morwell Falcons in the Latrobe Valley.

17 year old Gary Van Leuverden scored a hat-trick, and Don Matthol grabbed the other, as Ringwood slammed in three goals in the second half.

Watling wins

KEITH WATLING of Third Division Moorabbin is the Shuggy's Bistro Metropolitan League Player of the Week. He wins a dinner for two at Shuggy's where a great night out is ensured. All winners should contact Shuggy's, the Duke of York Hotel. (Phone 509 4150).

ZIKA NIKOLIC

Sportska sreca, koja je nedostajala 'plavima' preko cele godine, nasmejala se na kraju godine. JUST je zaslužio pobjedu Aleksandra sa 1-0 (1-0), iako je zadnjih deset minuta moglo biti bavlja.

Medjutim, do 75 minuta JUST je mogao da vodi sa vecim rezultatom da Banon i Tensley nisu igrali pogolbeno. Ta tri momaka, ako propuste loptu ne propuste igru. A sto da ne, kada imaju sudi-je koji tolerisu takvu igru, cak je nagradjivali poenima. Sva tri oca su bili 'best i fairest' igraci, a koliko su protivnickov kolega osakitali do sada niko ne broji i nece da zna. Najbolji JUST-ov napada igrac na ovom utakmici Zdravko Lujic je jefino prosao koliko je puta bio pososen. Slomljena mu je samo rukavica zbog toga nede mo da ruke nedejda. Sreca sto je sezona na kraju.

Pored toga sto je Lujic povredjen, ni Mendo Ristovski nije bioje prosao. Naterao su mu ovakvom igrom stah u kosti, pa se nije mogao videti.

Gol koji je Zdravko Lujic postigao u 12. minutu zaslujuje da se uvrsti medju najbjepe golove ove sezone. Samo sumnjamo da je neko snimao.

Jim Kriaric je odigrao poslednju utakmicu. Sreca, jer je igrao kao najbolji dan. Medjutim, sam je rekao: "Najbolje je prestati na vreme, kad sam osetio, a ne kada te drugi isteraju".

Testko je izdvojio najboljeg igrac na ovom utakmici i deni Kondaric je Boland zaslujuje specijalnu pohvalu, jer su ostali pbrani i hladniji, ali je igrao kao najbolji momen-ta. Andria Pistic, koji je maler pratio preko cele godine, na kraju je pronasao sedi mesto u timu.

Igrao je vrlo dobro sve tri zadnje utakmice. Medju kojima bio je i protiv Rujievic. Kreto se neurneumo kao kritica, odnosio je pobjede u fizickim duelim sa najcas-igracima Aleksandra.

Nadamo se da kao u ovoj rubrici moći jos uvek da pisemo o 'plavima' iako ne igraju do kraja ove godine. Medjutim, bice zanimljivo pratiti prijateljske utakmice. Pored toga, u toku je JUST-ov apel od koga zavisi uspeh u iducioj sezoni.

IZGORELI PRED CILJEM

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CONNIE SOLDATOS, aged 19. An experienced and dependable defender with exceptional team spirit. First year in State squad but obviously not the last. Home team Greensborough.

KARLEN NUNE, aged 18. Nicknamed "Tiger" for his tenacity. An enthusiastic and very reliable defender. State player since 1974. Home team Deception North.

JANETTE MELVIN, aged 27. State player since 1974. Selected in Australian squad. Has a good sense of soccer ability. Captain of Victoria. Home team Greensborough.

ANDREA MARTIN, aged 19. State player since 1974. Selected in Australian squad 1975. 6' 77". Feared by all other States for her heading. Has a powerful shot. Home team Grosvenor.

MARGARET ROY, aged 25. State player since 1975. Consistent, consistent player contributing in midfield. Home team Waverley and Victoria team Waverley.

SHONA BASS, aged 19. Phys Ed student at Preston Institute. State player since 1974. Home team Waverley. Squad 1977. Improving every season and developing into

complete soccer player. Home team Greensborough.

CHERYL ELVEY aged 19. Sevens player. Home team Greensborough. Transferred from country team to Melbourne to gain experience and becoming very competent. Home team Greensborough.

DAVID HIND, aged 26. State player since 1974. A speedy, experienced forward also carrying injury but still playing well. Home team Waverley.

JOHN JARRIE, aged 17. State player since 1977. Her small stature gives no indication of her eagerness and energetic ability forward.

MARGARET RUST, aged 18. State player since 1975 who has improved into a fast, enthusiastic left winger with a eye for goals. Home team Waverley.

HAZEL DONOVAN, aged 28. State player since 1974 (missing 1975 for birth). A good all round player. Home team Green Gully.

MIMI SOLIORA, aged 26
Another first-time for State honors
with good ball control and
passing sense. Home team
Green Gully.

VIVIANNE DERRY, aged 26
capable, steady defender, again a
first-time. Home team Green Gully.

CHRISTINE HOLMES, third
year as State player. A defender
with a strong boot and keen at-
titude. Home team
Barnsdown.

THERESA JONES, aged 15,
youngest player, first time for
State. A competent and able
defender of goals for her home
team. Ready to play in the field.
Home team Dandenong.

ROS THOMPSON Was selected
for State for the first time but
received bad injury (broken ankle)
thus losing her place. However, her
ability to attack makes her a
useful asset. Home team
Waverley.

Port Melbourne's results this season have been:

LEAGUE: v Hellas — 3-2, 2-0, v Moreland — 4-0, 3-0; v Rosanna — 3-0, 6-0, v Thomastown — 4-0, 5-2, v Juventus — 2-1, 3-1, v Fawkner — 6-2, 6-0, v Greensborough — 2-0, 3-0, v Essendon City — 6-1, 4-1. Total: Scored 62 against 10.

CUP MATCHES: v Waverley — 17-1, v Nunawading — 9-1, v Dandenong City — 5-0, v Fawkner — 3-0, v Altona — 7-0. Total: Scored 41 against 2.

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Other scorers: S. Palatides, 13, N Papanikolaou 11, S Hackett 8, M. Durkovic 5 P. Tsolakis 4, M Hamakiotis 3 and A. Kotzamichalis 2.

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Philips League Club Directory

ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001

SECRETARY: Carmine Picorello (08) 337 0241

COACH: Les Sheinflug.

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington.
(08) 31 1844

COLOURS: Black & White



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077

SECRETARY: Simon Boeqheim, (07) 372 2891

COACH: G. Vincze

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.
(07) 52 5328

COLORS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.

SPONSOR: **Kentucky Fried Chicken**



BRISBANE CITY

P.O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club Phone 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711

COACH: B. Truman

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd, Mayne.

SPONSOR: **Alitalia** Airlines



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: David Dillon 48 8917 (W)
54 1787 (L)

COACH: J. Warren.

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce.

SPONSOR: **BRIAN POLLOCK** Ford



EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH

61 HALL ST., BONDI, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker, 30 3344 (mornings)
663 4576 (afternoons)

COACH: Gerry Chaldi

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe, N.S.W.
(02) 660 7431

SPONSOR: Presto Smallgoods



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park
OR
Schintler Reserve

SPONSOR:



FITZROY UNITED

P.O. BOX 8,
COLLINGWOOD, 3066

Goldair
TRAVEL & TOURS



CONTESTANT IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST 1978

NAME: Ourania Giorgines

AGE: 16

PLACE OF BIRTH: Melbourne

OCCUPATION: Student at Lalor High School.

HOBBIES: Soccer, stamp collecting, sports in general, shell collecting

SPONSORED BY: Andorra Lingerie 9-13 Tinning St, Brunswick.

For further enquiries about the Quest ring Mrs Polly Mazaria: 560 4853 or Mr Spyros Rombotis: 489 9849 or 478 0113. Miss Alexander Quest judging will take place November 25th at New Palais Ballroom.

SECRETARY: S. Karanikolopoulos (03) 41 3048

COACH: J. Margaritis.

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melbourne (03) 42 0842.

COLORS: Black & Gold

SPONSOR: Goldair Travel



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: V. Morizzi, Bus. (02) 72 2433

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park

SPONSOR: Rosso Antico



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd.,
New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v. **WESTERN SUBURBS** in Philips Cup at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) on Sunday at 3 p.m.



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

SECRETARY: S. Boqnar, Bus. (02) 630 2744

COACH: J. Vlasits.

GROUND: Barton Park, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

General Manager: Mike Whitewood.
(Bus.) 94 5048, 94 5462 (After Hours)
309 4079

MANAGER/COACH: D. McLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive,
Middle Park.

COLORS: Blue and white.

This week's match: v. **MARCONI** in semi-final at Middle Park (Melbourne) on Sunday at 3 p.m.



NAME: Gina Athanasiadis

AGE: 16

PLACE OF BIRTH: Melbourne.

OCCUPATION: Student.

HOBBIES: Has been dancing for eight years, enjoys cooking, plays soccer for South Melbourne

Hellas Women's soccer team.

SPONSOR: Parents

For further enquiries ring Mrs Lucy Farmakis. Tel No. 429 2855 - 91 6791, or Mr Denis Kallinikos, 699 4547.

Miss Hellas quest judging December 8 at Southern Cross Hotel.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

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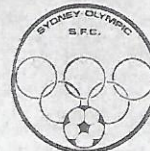
SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N. Smilas, Bus. (02) 72 0661

COACH: J. Marston

GROUND: Erskinvile Oval, Mitchell Rd., Erskinvile

SPONSOR: Patra Fruit Juices



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311
J. Adam

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh

COLOURS: Blue and white.

This week's match: v. **EASTERN SUBURBS** in semi-final at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) on Sunday at 3 p.m.



WESTERN SUBURBS

4 WILLIAM ST., FIVE DOCK, N.S.W., 2046

SECRETARY: G. Stratford, Bus. (02) 713 8672

COACH: M. Laing

GROUND: Englefield Stadium, Jenner Rd., Dural

COLOURS: Black & White

